YOUR EXPERTISE IS NEEDED TO HELP MAKE MISSOURI SCHOOLS SAFER!

The New Madrid Seismic Zone, the most active earthquake zone east of the Rocky Mountains, is centered in southeast Missouri. This seismic zone produces nearly 200 earthquakes per year, with a 40% probably of a M6.0 or greater within a 50 year window of time. If a big earthquake occurs, many older buildings, including schools, will be hard hit.

With this in mind, the Missouri Seismic Safety Commission is leading a program to improve earthquake safety and readiness in Missouri schools. The commission works with structural engineers, architects and construction professionals to conduct FEMA P-154 “Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards” in school buildings. These screenings are completely free of charge, with results provided confidentially to participating schools.

We’re looking for qualified professionals to assess schools. There is no charge for this one-day training, and professional development hours will be provided by participating organizations. Several school districts will be scheduled for reviews, and your travel expenses will be reimbursed. All we need is a little of your valuable expertise to help make schools safer. A commitment of 1-2 days is requested.

CLASS INFORMATION

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Location: The Timbres of Eureka
1 Coffey Park Lane
Eureka, Mo.

REGISTRATION:

Register for the training at training.dps.mo.gov.

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Briggs, earthquake program manager for the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency, at 573-526-9232 or jeff.briggs@sema.dps.mo.gov.