



Central United States Earthquake Consortium

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CUSEC Receives Motorola Solutions Foundation Grant for Advancement in Regional Disaster Planning and Preparation

Memphis, TN — The Central US Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), a non-profit organization established in 1983 with funding support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), whose mission is to help with the reduction of deaths, injuries, property damage and economic losses resulting from earthquakes in the Central United States, is pleased to announce that it has received a grant for \$25,000 as part of the “Public Safety Grant” program from the Motorola Solutions Foundation (MSF), the charitable arm of Motorola Solutions, Inc.

Through the grant, CUSEC will continue to educate the general public around the central U.S. region about earthquake preparedness by participating in CUSEC Member State townhall meeting presentations, earthquake preparedness safety fairs, and special earthquake preparedness events such as the [Great Central US ShakeOut](#); as well as provide new tools and continued training for first responders. While promoting greater earthquake preparedness throughout the region, CUSEC and its member state partners will also create the first regional Geographical Information System (GIS) in the central United States. GIS is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present all types of spatial or geographical data. With the use of this system, emergency management officials will have the ability to share information across state lines by leveraging and connecting existing GIS resources from nine states. This will improve disaster preparedness and speed up disaster response and recovery efforts.

The Public Safety Grant program supports organizations that provide training to first responders, supports the families of fallen first responders, or educates the general public on safety issues.

“As a small non-profit organization, we are heavily dependent on grants and outside contributions to help CUSEC carry out its mission,” said Jim Wilkinson, CUSEC Executive Director. “I’m thrilled to have received the grant from the Motorola Solutions Foundation, these funds will go a long way to helping us leverage our limited resources as we work throughout our communities,” he added.

For additional information on the Motorola Solutions Foundation grants programs, visit: <http://responsibility.motorolasolutions.com/index.php/solutions-for-community/> and for more information about CUSEC, please visit: <http://www.cusec.org/>.

About The Central US Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC)

Established in 1983 with funding support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), CUSEC's primary mission is, "... the reduction of deaths, injuries, property damage and economic losses resulting from earthquakes in the Central United States."

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CUSEC's primary objective is to provide dynamic support to multi-state response and recovery planning, resource acquisition; public education and awareness; promotion; mitigation, and research associated with earthquake preparedness in the Central United States. CUSEC Member States are those most vulnerable to the effects of earthquakes in the region and include Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. For more information about CUSEC, visit our website at www.cusec.org.

About Motorola Solutions Foundation (MSF)

The Motorola Solutions Foundation is the charitable and philanthropic arm of Motorola Solutions. With employees located around the globe, Motorola Solutions seeks to benefit the communities where it operates. The company achieves this by making strategic grants, forging strong community partnerships and fostering innovation. The Motorola Solutions Foundation focuses its funding on public safety, disaster relief, employee programs and education, especially science, technology, engineering and math programming. For more information on Motorola Solutions Corporate and Foundation giving, visit their website: www.motorolasolutions.com/giving.



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