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### **The Portland Cement Association and Simpson Strong-Tie join ANCR to create the first whole-community resilience benchmarks in the U.S.**

*The application deadline for volunteer committee openings and for lead company sponsorships is extended to February 16*

**Washington, D.C.** – The Portland Cement Association (PCA) and Simpson Strong-Tie have joined the International Code Council and the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR) to create the first whole-community resilience benchmarks in the U.S. This self-assessment system will provide communities a transparent, practical and commonsense way to quickly and easily gauge their cross-sector resilience efforts.

PCA, a nonprofit organization serving America's cement manufacturers, generously donated \$25,000 to ANCR. In addition, Simpson Strong-Tie, a world leader in structural product solutions in the U.S., pledged \$10,000 to support the development of the buildings benchmark, one of the core functional areas for all communities.

"We are excited to welcome PCA and Simpson Strong-Tie as our partners in helping communities prepare for the many challenges they face, from vast economic shifts to unprecedented environmental changes," said ANCR's Chairman Maj. General Warren C. Edwards USA (Ret.). "They are joining a prestigious group of private and public entities, including the Dow Chemical Company and Target Corporation, who are dedicating money, time and other resources to this important effort."

Sponsorship opportunities for organizations and individuals looking to join the effort are still available. Those interested in becoming lead resilience development process sponsors for the buildings, water and/or energy resilience benchmarks should contact [ResilientAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:ResilientAlliance@gmail.com) by Friday, February 16, at 5:00 PM Eastern.

Subject matter experts are also needed to fill volunteer openings on the technical committees that will help create the benchmarks for buildings, water and energy. Specialists who are interested in improving resiliency and determining best practices for communities across the U.S. should submit their resumes or curriculum vitae to [ResilientAlliance@gmail.com](mailto:ResilientAlliance@gmail.com) by Friday, February 16, at 5:00 PM Eastern.

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#### **About the International Code Council**

The [International Code Council](http://www.iccsafe.org) is a member-focused association. It is dedicated to developing model codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process to construct safe, sustainable,

affordable and resilient structures. Most U.S. communities and many global markets [choose the International Codes](#).

**About the Alliance for National & Community Resilience (ANCR)**

[ANCR](#), a coalition of public and private entities founded by the International Code Council, the Meridian Institute and the U.S. Resiliency Council, is working to create the nation's first whole-community resilience benchmark.