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New Disaster Response Alliance mobilizes skilled building safety professionals to help after major disasters

The International Code Council and the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations created a single national database of code officials, engineers and other skilled volunteers to respond in the event of a future disaster

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council and the National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) have joined forces to create a national, digital database of volunteers to assist local, state or federal entities who need skilled, trained and certified building safety professionals in the aftermath of a disaster.

Once the wind, rain, fire or flooding has passed, communities are left devastated. The workforce needed to rapidly assess the safety of structures after a crisis are often in short supply. The U.S. has a number of skilled code officials, engineers and others across the country willing to step in to help with post-disaster safety assessments, building damage assessments, inspections and other code-related functions. The Disaster Response Alliance brings these skilled volunteers together for easy access and quick mobilization.

Local and state jurisdictions as well as federal agencies can contact the Disaster Response Alliance for help to reach skilled professionals from across the country willing and able to assist. This alliance combines the Code Council's Disaster Response Network and NCSEA's Second Responder Roster.

“A big thank you to NCSEA for joining with us to create the Disaster Response Alliance,” said Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. “The Code Council and our members have long been active in the aftermath of disasters to help communities in their times of greatest need. The increasing frequency and severity of storms, including Hurricanes Michael and Florence and the recent destructive wildfires in California, illustrated the need for this vital national database.”

“The collaboration between NCSEA and the Code Council to create the Disaster Response Alliance means a vastly improved, single resource exists to help those in need when disaster strikes,” said NCSEA President Williston Warren IV, P.E., S.E., SECB, F. SEAOC. “Together, we can truly make a difference.”

For more information, to request help, or to sign up to volunteer, visit www.disasterresponse.org.

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About the International Code Council

The [International Code Council](#) 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 NCSEA

The [National Council of Structural Engineers Associations](#) was formed to constantly improve the standard level of practice of the structural engineering profession, and to provide an identifiable resource for those needing communication with the profession. The association's vision is to be recognized as the leading advocate for the practice of structural engineering via its ongoing mission of representing and strengthening its 44 member organizations.