

Press Release

Apply Now for Scholarship Support to Attend 100th Anniversary Earthquake Conference

The Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) has signed an agreement with the Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI) (www.riskinstitute.org) to award approximately 30 scholarships **to land use planners, social service providers, emergency managers, risk managers, business resumption specialists, building and public works officials, and those in related occupations** to help them attend the *100th Anniversary Earthquake Conference Commemorating the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake*. The conference will be held at the San Francisco, California, Moscone Convention Center, April 18 – 21, 2006.

PERI awarded this funding to EERI to provide recipients with a valuable educational experience dealing with seismic hazard risk reduction. The conference includes EERI's 8th National Conference on Earthquake Engineering, the 100th Annual Meeting of the Seismological Society of America and the '06 Disaster Resistant California Conference of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services. It will bring together emergency management professionals, researchers, academicians, local and state government representatives, and private business partners to share ideas, technology, and resources for the mitigation of disasters and to provide an invaluable educational experience in all facets of earthquake risk reduction, from the latest thinking by the nation's leading scientists and engineers to current programs and policies in emergency management. The conference also offers a unique opportunity for participants to compare experience and knowledge with attendees from cities throughout the US and numerous other countries.

The 4-day conference will include multidisciplinary plenary sessions, at the beginning of each day, where leading earthquake professionals will talk about:

- a centennial perspective on the 1906 earthquake
- lessons from recent major earthquakes
- a Scenario of a modern-day repeat of the 1906 earthquake
- visions for the next century of earthquake risk reduction

There will be:

- more than 100 technical sessions covering issues critical to earth scientists, building owners, planners, building officials, emergency responders, earthquake engineers, policy makers, and disaster mitigation professionals
- 35 tutorials for professionals in related fields, including teachers and members of the business community
- 25 field trips that bring home the realities and science of earthquakes
- the semi-annual General Assembly of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)
- social events in historic San Francisco venues
- scores of exhibits and displays
- hundreds of poster presentations

Eligibility

To be eligible for a scholarship applicants should:

- have key responsibility within their organization or agency for an area of risk or emergency management, loss reduction planning, hazards insurance, business resumption planning, social services, municipal development, land use planning, or building code enforcement.
- come from municipal jurisdictions or non-profit institutions or organizations where they have responsibility for one or more of the above areas.

Scholarship Benefits

Each scholarship recipient will receive \$1,000 in direct financial assistance, which can be applied to any conference cost, including travel, lodging, and registration fee. Recipients within the Bay Area, who do not require air transportation, will receive awards of \$600.

Application Procedure

Interested applicants must complete the PERI Scholarship application on the 100th Anniversary Conference website (www.1906eqconf.org) . Completed applications must be received by mail at EERI, 499 14th Street, Suite 320, Oakland, CA 94612 or by fax at: 510 451 5411 no later than Wednesday, March 1, 2006. EERI will announce the awards by March 17, 2006.

Please visit the conference website at: www.1906eqconf.org for more detailed conference information and to download an application for the PERI Travel Scholarship.