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Purpose

To provide a vehicle through which statewide seismic risk issues can be addressed and solutions can be proposed that will reduce life and property losses from a future damaging earthquake.

Vision

Eliminate losses from future earthquakes and tsunamis. Promote public and government awareness of Alaska's seismic hazards and seismic risk mitigation.

Mission

Make recommendations to the governor and legislature for reducing the State's vulnerability to seismic hazards. Advise the public and private sectors on approaches for mitigating earthquake and tsunami risk.

Act in an Advisory Capacity

Advise the Governor, the Legislature, and the public on Alaska's seismic hazards and risk mitigation.

Provide Information and Technical Guidance

Recommend studies, policies, and programs that will mitigate the risks associated with seismic hazards.

Recommend Educational Programs

Recommend and participate in programs that will disseminate information to government agencies and the public.

Encourage Seismic Hazards Risk Mitigation Efforts

Encourage efforts to address issues related to seismic hazards risk mitigation.

By achieving this mission, we create an opportunity to be an effective body in mitigating the potential damaging effects of major seismic events.

Core Values

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Trust
- Diligence
- Service to the State
- Responsibility for One’s Own work
- Support to Other Commission Members
- Commitment to Complete Accepted Assignments
- Provide Value to Stakeholders
- Be Objective and Reasonable
- Advocate for Seismic Risk Mitigation Efforts
- Recognize Exemplary Seismic Risk Mitigation Efforts

Key Success Factors and Measures of Success

Success Factor	Measure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder Satisfaction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate governor and legislature understanding of seismic risk mitigation issues; • Meet or exceed SOA expectations; • Advice is sought; • Advice is accepted; • SOA endorsement; and; • Positive feedback from staff.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate of Risk Mitigation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide advocacy for seismic risk mitigation programs; • Create opportunities for seismic risk mitigation advocacy; • Become familiar with current existing programs; and • Develop stakeholder support.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate Public Outreach Programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage social environment where seismic risk mitigation is accepted; • Examine existing programs within the State; and • Be available for public education presentations.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Development of Earthquake Scenarios 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete earthquake scenarios for realistic events in high-risk areas; • Use scenario results to reduce earthquake risk; and • Seek community involvement in scenario development and application of results.

Key Success Factors and Measures of Success (continued)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate Partnerships for Seismic risk Reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential partners to assist in addressing Commission goals; and Involve Federal, State, Municipal, and Private sector in addressing goals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Critical Facilities Earthquake Risk Reduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist in prioritizing and identification and mitigation of facilities with life safety issues; Develop work plans in collaboration with State and local agencies/governments; Identify current legislation/programs adopted by other states/countries; Foster contacts with proponents who have had seismic risk mitigation successes; Identify pertinent code and construction requirements and potential limitations; and Recommend improvements including policy changes, legislation, and public outreach.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Earthquake Insurance in Alaska 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current trends and provide advice; Review existing "white paper" and update as appropriate; and Develop "pros and cons" brochure describing earthquake insurance issues.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote Seismic Hazard Identification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identification and characterization of seismic risk hazards; Definition and description of seismic risks; Seismic risk and hazard research; and Dissemination of seismic risk and hazard information to State and local governments, the public, and industry and scientific and professional community.

ENDORSEMENT

We, the members of the Alaska Seismic Hazards Safety Commission, enthusiastically and fully endorse this Commission Charter for guiding and enhancing efforts in natural hazards risk mitigation.

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