



Webinar Opportunity: Arkansas INSPARK February 18, 2021 | 1:00PM – 2:00PM CST

DESCRIPTION

Following large-scale disasters—such as tornadoes and earthquakes—there is a need to assess buildings for safe occupancy and continued use. Critical facilities (emergency operations centers, hospitals, shelters, etc.) are key to community recovery and must be inspected for safety quickly following a disaster. Likewise, individuals and business owners will want to return to home, school, or work and need to know if buildings are safe to occupy. Local jurisdictions may not have the resources to evaluate a large number of buildings in a short period of time.

The Inspect Arkansas (INSPARK) program is a group of *volunteer* engineers, architects, building inspectors and other trained professionals that assists the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) with post-disaster building safety evaluations. Established in 2014, INSPARK volunteers are trained to deploy quickly after a disaster to assist local jurisdictions with determining which buildings are safe to use and which should be evacuated.

Join INSPARK, ADEM, and the Central U.S. Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) on February 18 for a FREE webinar on how INSPARK can be used to assist local jurisdictions. Participants will learn about:

- Key differences between safety evaluations and damage assessments.
- Overview of INSPARK and how it is activated and deployed.
- Past INSPARK deployments and how to request assistance from INSPARK.
- Regional safety evaluation resources and training opportunities.

TARGET AUDIENCE

City and county managers or executives, local and state emergency management officials, building officials and code inspectors, architects, engineers, construction professionals and/or others interested in post-disaster safety evaluation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date/Time: February 18, 2021 from 1:00PM – 2:00PM CST

Cost: FREE (Space is limited so register today)

Other: Certificate of participation will be provided.

REGISTRATION

To register, please visit <http://register.cusec.org>. For additional information:

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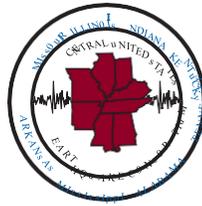
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Training Opportunity: *Safety Assessment Program (SAP)* March 30, 2021 | 9:00am-3:30pm CST

DESCRIPTION

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This workshop will teach participants to conduct rapid damage assessments of structures affected by earthquakes, wind, and water. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to consistently and safely assess structures for habitability and will receive a nationally recognized Cal OES registration ID card from the state of California with successful completion of the final exam.

The program is managed by Cal OES with cooperation from professional organizations, including the AIA. It utilizes volunteers and mutual aid resources to provide professional engineers, architects and certified building inspectors to assist local governments in safety evaluations of their built environment in the aftermath of a disaster. SAP is the training standard of the AIA Disaster Assistance Program, which provides leadership, advocacy, and training to architects who are interested in volunteering their professional skills in times of crisis.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Intended for licensed architects, engineers, or certified building inspectors; this course certifies attendees as Building Evaluators in the nationally recognized Safety Assessment Program (SAP).

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date/Time: March 30, 2021 from 9:00AM – 3:30PM CST

Cost: FREE (Space is limited so register today)

Certificate of participation, Cal OES credentials, and 6.5 hours PDH or 6.5 HSW (through self-reporting) upon successful completion of final exam

REGISTRATION

To register, please visit <https://www.dps.arkansas.gov/emergency-management/adem/training-exercise/training/earthquake-training/>. For additional information:

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