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**ATC-20**

**Post-Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings**  
**November 14, 2024**

**COURSE 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 following a disaster. Likewise, individuals and business owners will want to return to home, school, or work and need to know if their 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.

This workshop will teach participants to conduct rapid damage assessments of structures affected by earthquakes, wind, and water. Upon completing this course, participants will be able to consistently and safely assess structures for habitability and qualify for membership in Arkansas' Rapid Visual Inspection Team, INSPARK.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Building owners, facility managers, local officials, engineers, architects, small businesses, and emergency managers.

**RECOMMENDED PREREQUISITE:**

*IS325: Earthquake Basics: Science, Risk, and Mitigation* is a 30-minute study course that provides basic information on earthquakes and general mitigation techniques. To complete this independent course, visit: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is325.asp>.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

**Time:** 0900-1630 (CST)

**Date:** **Thursday, November 14, 2024**

**Instructors:** Steve Sharp, Joe Roddy, Mike Callahan, Joe Hilliard, & Martha Kopper

**Location:** Arkansas State University Mid-South, 2000 W. Broadway, West Memphis, AR 72301

**Materials:** ATC-20 manuals will be provided to the participants.

**Lunch:** A working lunch will be provided.

**Registration:** Students must obtain a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register> and register through ADEM's website.

<https://www.dps.arkansas.gov/emergency-management/adem/training-exercise/training/earthquake-training/> by noon November 13, 2024

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**Professional Development Hours:** **7 hours PDH/HSW**

