

Department of the Interior Seismic Safety Program

The Interior Seismic Safety Program and the individual bureau Programs were developed in the mid 1990's to respond to a specific series of Executive Orders and Public Laws. In summary, agencies were required to identify owned buildings that were not capable of providing minimum life-safety performance during anticipated earthquakes and provide the associated seismic rehabilitation cost estimates.

The Interior Seismic Safety Program met these requirements in December 1998 with the report *“Interior Seismic Safety Program Executive Summary, Estimated Seismic Rehabilitation Costs, and Data Submittal to FEMA”* in which over \$675M of seismic rehabilitation needs were identified on a building-specific basis.

The Interior Program is a recognized leader in the Federal Seismic Safety community through our proactive approach at applying risk-based decision making to the rehabilitation of a large group of seismically deficient buildings. In many cases, the tools required for this approach were not available from any source and were developed by the Program. Risk-based decision making allows Interior bureaus to pursue risk reduction in a prioritized and cost effective manner. Working with existing funding, bureau Seismic Safety Programs have completed and continue to complete risk reduction projects for extremely high risk, bureau-owned buildings occupied by our employees, other Federal, State and local employees and the visiting public.

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