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Western States Seismic Policy Council Recognizes Ron Lynn and Gary Chock with 2014 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Awards in Earthquake Risk Reduction

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Sacramento – The Western States Seismic Policy Council’s Board of Directors is pleased to announce they have chosen two recipients of the 2014 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award in Earthquake Risk Reduction: Nevada’s Ron Lynn and Hawaii’s Gary Chock.

Ron Lynn, Director/Building Official & Fire Official for the Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention Bureau, and Chair of the Nevada Earthquake Safety Council, has been a champion of earthquake safety throughout his career. He has participated in the development of codes and standards for over 30 years – many directly impacting the seismic resilience of buildings and structures.

Ron Lynn said, “I am deeply honored by this recognition and wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Directors of the Western States Seismic Policy Council and to all those who have been advocates in the effort of creating more resilient and sustainable communities. It has been an honor to be able in some small way to contribute to these efforts.”

Gary Chock has a multiple-decades long history of dedicated public service to the State of Hawaii in the areas of earthquake and tsunami mitigation, and his contributions have assisted earthquake risk reduction in both the private and public sectors. Mr. Chock has been a member of the Hawaii State Earthquake Advisory Committee for 23 years of continuous service, and is President of Martin & Chock, Inc., where he has been the principal investigator for the firm’s research work on multi-hazard analysis and planning, with emphasis on use of GIS analysis, building damage, and building performance studies.

“The Lifetime Achievement Award was quite unexpectedly pleasant news”, said Gary Chock. “Most of my work in hazard mitigation has primarily been on a voluntary basis with many years of time and effort gambled in the pursuit of more scientifically based codes, standards, and policies. It is very helpful to know that there is a measure of broader support for these efforts from the WSSPC member states.”

The WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes outstanding leaders in earthquake risk reduction who are actively practicing their profession. The recipient will have demonstrated throughout his or her career an extraordinary commitment, level of service, and contribution to the application of earthquake risk reduction to public policy. This year’s awards will be presented at the 2014 WSSPC Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon July 21, 2014 at the BP Energy Center in Anchorage, Alaska.

The mission of the Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) is to develop seismic policies and disseminate information about programs intended to reduce earthquake-related losses.

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