**Western States Seismic Policy Council**

## 2015 Awards in Excellence

### *Award in Excellence for Multi-Jurisdictional Planning*

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| **Program/Project Name:** | Alaska Shield 2014 Earthquake Exercise |
| **Administering Agency:** | |  | | --- | | Alaska Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management | |  | |
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**Program Summary:**

The Alaska Shield 2014 exercise was the capstone event for the *White House-*directed 2014 cycle of national planning and preparedness exercises. The Alaska Shield exercise was a full-scale, live test of the ability of numerous State and Federal agencies (including the military), along with local government and non-government entities to respond to a devastating earthquake affecting a significant area (modeled after the M9.2 1964 Great Alaska Earthquake). This exercise was designed and conducted by the Alaska Department of Military & Veterans Affairs, Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (DHS&EM), with the support of FEMA Region X.

Alaska Shield 2014 was a linked exercise intended to improve Alaska’s emergency response capacity (individual/organization/interagency), validate the State’s, FEMA, Department of Defense, and local community response plans, test interagency coordination; and to explore recovery plans in the face of a catastrophic earthquake.