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**WESTERN STATES SEISMIC POLICY COUNCIL (WSSPC) HONORS
DR. JONATHAN G. PRICE WITH 2012 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Sacramento - The Western States Seismic Policy Council (WSSPC) Board of Directors and National Awards Selection Committee are pleased to announce that Dr. Jonathan G. Price, Nevada State Geologist and Director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology has been awarded a 2012 WSSPC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Price is being recognized for his public policy advocacy and “his indefatigable support of seismic safety in Nevada and across the nation”, according to David Applegate, U.S. Geological Survey Associate Director for Natural Hazards. Since 1988, Dr. Price has served as Nevada State Geologist and Director of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology. He has steadily enhanced the Bureau and developed it into one of the most respected state geological surveys in the country. When the magnitude 6 Wells earthquake struck in 2008, Jon and his staff engaged their state, federal, and university partners in post-earthquake investigations that were a model of thoroughness. The resulting publications by his staff and many others will serve as a benchmark for such investigations in the intermountain West for many years to come.

Jon was instrumental in founding the Nevada Earthquake Safety Council in 1992 and has served on the Council’s Board since its establishment. Jon was also one of the founding members of the Nevada Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee established in 2003, and has served as Chair of the Committee since its inception. Under Jon’s direction, the Committee has assisted Nevada in securing almost \$10 million in federal funding for hazard mitigation projects and preparation of Hazard Mitigation Plans for Nevada counties. Because of the Committee’s efforts, Nevada is one of only ten states with an Enhanced Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Jon’s devotion to the seismic safety of Nevada is matched by the service he has provided to the nation as a whole. He has provided his expertise as a member of numerous National Academy of Sciences boards and studies, and has been an advisor to the U. S. Geological Survey; in particular as a member of the congressionally established Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee. During his time on the committee, Jon sought to improve the delivery of USGS information to the public and to critical users like emergency managers.

Jon served as WSSPC Chairman from 1998 to 2002, and was the first recipient of the WSSPC Leadership Award.

WSSPC created the award to recognize an outstanding leader in earthquake risk reduction, who has demonstrated throughout his or her career an extraordinary commitment, level of service, and contribution to the application of earthquake risk reduction to public policy.

The Award will be presented April 11, 2012 at the National Earthquake Conference in Memphis, Tennessee.

A background summary of Dr. Jonathan Price is posted on the Western States Seismic Policy Council website: <http://wsspc.org/awards/current.shtml>

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