

## CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES) POST-DISASTER SAFETY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (SAP) EVALUATOR TRAINING

[provides 7.0 HSW Continuing Education Learning Units to AIA Members]

**INTRODUCTION:** Disasters create terrible consequences, forcing people out of their homes into temporary shelters and closing down communities. While productive individuals sit idle in shelters, or even move away, local building inspectors struggle to evaluate building safety in hundreds or thousands of damaged structures. Most building departments do not have the ability to perform multitudes of such inspections in a short period of time, so a strong need exists to have a cadre of trained professionals available to assist local governments, along with a program to manage this cadre.

The goal of the California Office of Emergency Services (CA OES) Safety Assessment Program (SAP) is to help local government perform accurate facility safety assessments as quickly as possible. This will allow people to use safe homes and businesses, and ensure that people are prohibited from entering unsafe structures after a disaster. SAP Evaluators survey damaged facilities to determine if there are safety hazards to building occupants or to the general public. SAP Evaluators also provide recommended posting of placards that denote the condition of each structure evaluated.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This full-day Evaluator Training class trains civil engineers, architects, and building inspectors to do field evaluations of buildings and other infrastructure for safety. It includes the most currently updated curriculum prepared by the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), practical examples of post-disaster field conditions impacting structural safety, assessing the degree of severity, posting, and barricading procedures. QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS (see important note below) will receive the Disaster Service Worker Emergency Response Team card. Possession of this card is required in order to participate in emergency CALBO call-out operations (photos of each participant will be taken and a loyalty oath are part of the in-class registration process).

**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT THIS CLASS:** To receive the Disaster Service Worker Emergency Response card, individuals must be certified as a licensed Architect, Engineer, Building Official, Building Code Official, Master Code Official, Building Inspector, Combination Inspector, Residential Building Inspector, Residential Combination Inspector, Building Plans Examiner, or Combination Plans Examiner.

**REQUIRED READING:** There is no required reading prior to the class. An SAP Training Manual, ATC-20 & ATC-45 Handbooks will be provided at the class.

**INSTRUCTORS:** Dean Vlahos, AIA – WWCOT

Val Usle, AIA – Walt Disney Imagineering

DATE/TIME: Friday October 16, 2009

Check-In: 8:30 AM / Seminar: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**LOCATION/PARKING:** All classes are held in the AIA Los Angeles Chapter Office at the Wiltern Center, 3780 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800 Los Angeles, CA 90010 (corner of Western/Wilshire). Parking is available for \$8 at the Ralphs/Wiltern Structure or on surrounding side streets (but be sure to read all posted parking signs)

PRICING: AIA Members - \$150 | Non-Members - \$225 (lunch not provided, time will be allotted to go out)

**REGISTRATION:** Visit <u>www.aialosangeles.org</u> to register (under CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES on the homepage)