

Letter of support/participation templates

Firm/operating agency:

{F = firm} is pleased to endorse the University of California Berkeley's and Humboldt State University's interdisciplinary research proposal "The Value of Earthquake Early Warning: Evaluating the Engineering, Business, Legal and Societal Aspects and Benefits of Broad Adoption" to NSF . Earthquake risk is an ongoing and major concern of {F} and a few seconds or even minutes of alert can enable us to protect the public as well as {infrastructure/rolling stock/etc.~please add your ideas}.

{short paragraph of details specific to firm and where earthquake impacts might be greatest ... }

The research described in this proposal will help us choose, implement and install procedures and equipment that can make the best use of such warnings, and integrate it with parallel responses from our regulatory environment and first responders.

We will be happy to collaborate with the UC team in providing access to our key decisionmakers and on-the-ground operating staff, as well as internal data to the extent that confidentiality considerations can be accommodated. Furthermore, though the details are obviously yet to be determined, we will try to make our operations available for prototype testing of new methods and technology that the proposed research will generate, without compromising diffusion of these innovations to competitors and other firms.

We are excited about collaborating with and supporting the researchers at the University of California Berkeley and Humboldt State University in their execution of the project, as well as the useful information we expect as the result, about the value of Earthquake Early Warning to society.

Agency

{A = agency} is pleased to endorse the University of California's research proposal "The Value of Earthquake Early Warning: Evaluating the Engineering, Business, Legal and Societal Aspects and Benefits of Broad Adoption" to NSF [and promise cooperation with the researchers in executing the project]. Earthquake risk is an ongoing and major concern of {A} and the operating agencies and private firms we oversee, and a few seconds or even minutes of alert can enable us to protect the public as well as [infrastructure/rolling stock/etc.] .

{short paragraph of details specific to agency: "we regulate" }

The research described in this proposal will help us choose and implement procedures and equipment that can make the best use of such warnings, and integrate it with response capacity from the firms, agencies, and first responders whose earthquake responses are central to surviving a seismic event with the least possible loss of life and social capacity. We are particularly interested in ways information and coordination can substitute for (and improve) direct regulation in improving the performance of these firms and agencies, and the proposed research is directly relevant to that objective.

We will be happy to collaborate with the UC team in providing access to our key decisionmakers and policy staff, as well as internal data to the extent that confidentiality considerations can be

accommodated. Furthermore, though the details are obviously yet to be determined, we will try to make our operations available for prototype testing of new methods and technology that the proposed research will generate, without compromising diffusion of these innovations to competitors and other firms.

We will also facilitate access to legislators on the committees that fund and oversee our operations so the researchers' recommendations can be most effectively authorized where new legislation or budget is needed.