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Applied Technology Council Announces Availability of the ATC-20-1 *Field Manual: Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, Second Edition*

Applied Technology Council (ATC) is pleased to announce the immediate availability of the ATC-20-1 *Field Manual: Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, Second Edition*. The *Second Edition* includes new information not previously included in the original *Field Manual* (first edition), which was published by ATC in 1989. The new information has been drawn from (1) the ATC-20-2 Report, *Addendum to the ATC-20 Building Postearthquake Safety Evaluation Procedures*, which was published by ATC in 1995, (2) the ATC-20-3 Report, *Case Studies in Rapid Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings*, which was published by ATC in 1996 and provides more than 50 detailed case studies of safety evaluation on a wide range of building types and damage conditions; (3) ATC TechBrief 2, *Earthquake Aftershocks—Entering Damaged Buildings*, which was published by ATC in 1999; and (4) other sources.

The procedures and guidelines provided in the ATC-20-1 *Field Manual, Second Edition*, are written specifically for volunteer structural engineers, as well as building inspectors and structural engineers from city building departments and other regulatory agencies, who would be required to make on-the-spot evaluations and decisions regarding the continued use and occupancy of damaged buildings.

The *Second Edition* includes:

- updated rapid evaluation forms and updated detailed evaluation forms;
- the updated yellow RESTRICTED USE placard, which was introduced in 1995 (replacing the LIMITED ENTRY placard);
- new examples;
- more information on steel moment-frame buildings;
- a chapter on mobile homes and manufactured housing;
- guidance on aftershocks and entering damaged buildings;
- new information on barricading; and
- resources available on the internet pertaining to postearthquake safety evaluation.

Copies of the ATC-20-1 *Field Manual: Postearthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings, Second Edition*, can be obtained by contacting the Applied Technology Council, 201 Redwood Shores Parkway, Suite 240, Redwood City, CA 94065 (650/595-1542; fax 650/593-2320; email ATC@ATCouncil.org ; and web site www.ATCouncil.org. Click [here](#) to order from our online store). Price: \$24.00 per copy (plus shipping and sales tax).

