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TO: Educational Service Districts
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RE: Natural Hazards Assessment Grants

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PURPOSE/BACKGROUND

The 2021-2023 biennial Capital Budget provided funding for grants to school districts to collect and report facility information needed to complete an assessment of seismic risks of their school facilities. Data collected will also be used to determine other natural hazard risks such as: Tsunamis, Volcanoes, Floods, Wildfires, and Landslides.

Districts receiving Study and Survey grant funding beginning July 1, 2021 will be required to collect and report facility information which will be used to determine a facility's seismic risk. Natural Hazard Assessment grants will be available to districts to hire a qualified consultant to collect specific seismic building information to meet the data requirements of the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Module, in OSPI's Information and Condition of Schools (ICOS) database. This building information will allow OSPI to complete an Earthquake Performance Assessment Tool (EPAT) developed by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) which will provide a high-level assessment of a school building's seismic vulnerability.

This initial seismic assessment will help prioritize further seismic evaluations needed for buildings that likely pose the highest risk for life safety, severe damage, and extended downtimes for repairs in future earthquakes. EPAT risk data will be analyzed by OSPI's School Seismic Safety Committee to create a priority list of buildings with high seismic risk for further

detailed structural assessments and possible retrofits as part of OSPI's overall School Seismic Safety Retrofit Program (SSSRP).

Data collected will help school districts mitigate natural hazards risks, and assess long-term facility needs. Districts that receive natural hazard assessment grant funding may receive priority for future seismic retrofit grants.

INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

For questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Scott Black, at 360-725-6268 or email scott.black@k12.wa.us. The OSPI TTY number is 360-664-3631.

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