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From the Executive Director

Let me begin by welcoming you to a new outreach component, the CUSEC NEWS. The purpose of the newsletter is to promote in a timely manner, the efforts of CUSEC and its partners in addressing the earthquake hazard and its associated risks. The timing of this newsletter couldn't be better, given the escalating attention to New Madrid since Katrina. Organizations, agencies, businesses of all sizes, as well as elected officials from the local, state, and federal levels are all focused on the earthquake issue. The newsletter will highlight activities of these and other groups throughout the region and focus on specific topics of interest. We have built the newsletter around the four CUSEC goal areas which are mitigation, public outreach and education, response and recovery and research. Within each of these program areas we will highlight activities throughout the region. The idea is to provide a platform for information sharing that ultimately promotes the goals of the National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program (NEHRP).

For convenience, the newsletter will be available in both printed and electronic version, with the electronic version available on the CUSEC web site. A calendar of events will highlight earthquake meetings and events in an effort to further promote the collaboration throughout the region. I hope that you find this newsletter meaningful and timely. If you have any questions or have an idea for a story, please contact the CUSEC Public Outreach Coordinator and newsletter editor, Alisa Nave, at: anave@cusec.org. Regards,

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FEMA & CUSEC Launch New Madrid Catastrophic Planning Initiative



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The Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC) is planning to meet with several agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), businesses and volunteer organizations in Branson, Missouri in March to discuss planning and preparation for future catastrophic events in the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). FEMA is funding this effort because damaging earthquakes in the NMSZ in the Central United States have been selected as one of several potentially catastrophic events that, if they occurred, could have a major impact on the United States.

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