

Greetings,

The Structural Extreme Events Response (StEER) network is in dialog with a range of stakeholders to orchestrate our response to the Alaska Earthquake. StEER anticipates forming a **Field Assessment Team (FAT)**, drawing from regional capacity to move swiftly and supplementing with researchers across the United States, as warranted. StEER has also already assembled a **Virtual Assessment Team (VAT)**. Our VAT ensures that our FATs are effective in collecting data and working in near real time to get knowledge out into the world. Our VATs will assist in the following activities:

1. Develop our **Preliminary Virtual Assessment Team (P-VAT)** report that summarizes event and impacts (already underway)
2. Develop our **Early Access Reconnaissance Report (EARR)** based on public intel and FAT data streaming in from mobile Apps. Our goal is to complete this report within 48 hours of our first FAT concluding its mission.

VATs work as their time and commitments allow to collectively produce these valuable reports. Both of these reports will be curated on DesignSafe and all contributors are authors and receive a full citation with DOI. This is also a great way to develop the experience to deploy on future StEER FATs.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN StEER VATs AND/OR FATs SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

Step 1. If you have not done so already, please create a DesignSafe-CI account using [this link](#). After you have registered an account, you will be automatically added to the slack community within a day -- often within hours (see [explanation here](#)). Slack is our real-time collaboration tool for all StEER Teams. (Note if you already have DesignSafe account but have never used Slack in the past, you may need to contact DesignSafe to request your Slack activation). Because of the swift nature of our response, all coordination takes place within Slack.

Step 2. Indicate your interest:

- **To Join the Alaska Earthquake VAT:** Once you have Slack Access, please send a direct message in Slack to Tracy Kijewski-Correa (tkijewsk in Slack). She will then add you to the Slack Channel (secure chat) for our VAT and you can begin interacting with your teammates.
- **To be considered for the Alaska Earthquake FAT:** Complete this [intake form](#). Please note that given the limited number of slots available, StEER will prioritize those with past reconnaissance experience.

We also encourage the community to engage on #alaska channel on Slack where information is currently being shared. Also note EERI Clearinghouse for this event is online:

<http://www.learningfromearthquakes.org/2018-11-30-anchorage-alaska/>

As always, we appreciate your collaboration in helping to Build Resilience through Reconnaissance. Please direct additional queries to admin@steer.network.

Best Wishes,

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