Build Change Workshops in Haiti

With funding from USAID’s Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance, EERI member Elizabeth Hausler’s nonprofit organization Build Change has provided basic training on hurricane and earthquake-resistant construction to 700 homeowners in Haiti. Additionally, more than 290 Haitian builders have joined a three-day builders training workshop organized by Build Change, which has also developed simple messages and technical resources for safe reconstruction to be distributed beginning on the first anniversary of the earthquake, January 12, 2011.

In 2011, Build Change will expand its programs to provide hands-on technical assistance and training during reconstruction to at least 2,400 families. In partnership with Haitian training schools, a vocational program will aim at building the skills of 2,000 Haitian workers and placing them in much-needed apprenticeships and reconstruction jobs. Build Change will continue to work in partnership with the Ministry of Public Works to develop simple yet cost effective standards for rebuilding safe homes. For more information, visit http://www.buildchange.org/.

Call for Abstracts

SSA Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Seismological Society of America will be held April 13-15 in Memphis, TN.

The deadline is 5 p.m. PST January 11, 2011, for authors to submit abstracts not to exceed 2,000 characters through a secure Web server accessible from www.seismosoc.org/meetings/2011/index.php.