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Strategic Partnerships Network Seeks Structural Control Partners

Development of a structural control technologies “network” is the initial focus of MCEER’s Strategic Partnerships Network, a new business, industry and government partners program launched earlier this year by the Center. The program aims to unite a technology “application chain” of researchers, manufacturers, consultants, software developers and technology users, to further research, development and use of technologies to reduce earthquake damage and losses.

The Strategic Partnerships Network includes Specialty Interest Groups (SIGs) or “communities of interest,” centered around various technologies being studied by MCEER researchers. While current MCEER recruitment efforts focus on the development of a SIG on structural control (to protect buildings and bridges from damaging earthquake vibrations), others will follow. These include:

- Site Remediation – to stabilize soils and foundations;
- Advanced Systems Analysis and High-Performance Materials – to improve performance of lifelines;
- Condition Assessment – to better estimate real and potential earthquake losses; and
- Decision Support Systems – to enhance emergency response and post-earthquake recovery.

MCEER’s Strategic Partnerships Network features three levels of membership: Flagship Partner, Premier Partner, and Partner, each with its own array of Network benefits. Some of these include:

- Access to MCEER researchers and students;
- Preferred enrollment in the center’s Professional and Continuing Education (PACE) short courses;
- Early access to research results and new state-of-the-art ideas, concepts and methodologies;
- Preferred access to MCEER experimental facilities and equipment; and
- Opportunities for members to advance their company’s product development needs through collaborative research with MCEER researchers, fellow partners, and government agencies.

Annual membership fees are: \$10,000 for Flagship Partners; \$3,500 for Premier Partners; and \$1,000 for Partners. First-year memberships are effective through August 2001.

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