

MCEER Hosts PRC Delegation

A delegation of visiting researchers from the People's Republic of China was hosted by MCEER on September 8 and 9. The delegation was in the U.S. at the invitation of the National Science Foundation, as part of the U.S.-PRC Annex III Protocol for Scientific and Technical Cooperative Research. A protocol coordination meeting was held September 2 and 3 at Notre Dame University, to review and discuss potential areas of collaboration in earthquake hazard mitigation studies. The delegation also visited the Mid-America Earthquake Center (MAE) and the Pacific Earthquake Engineering Research (PEER) Center. Professor B. F. Spencer of Notre Dame coordinated the protocol visit on behalf of NSF. Representatives included:

Delegation Head (Chinese Side Coordinator):

- *Lin Xuancai*, Director of Earthquake Resistance Office, Ministry of Construction (MOC); and Director of Prospecting Survey and Design Department, MOC

Delegation Members:

- *Zhou Xiyuan*, Researcher, China Academy of Building Research, Member of China Academy of Science
- *Lu Yipeng*, Division Head, Office of the State Commission for Organizational Setup
- *Qi Xiaozhai*, Researcher, Deputy Director of Mechanics Engineering Institute, CSB
- *Ye Liaoyuan*, Professor, Deputy President of Yunnan Polytechnic University
- *Jia Shu*, Senior Engineer, Deputy Division Head of Earthquake Resistance Office, MOC. ❖



MCEER staff discussed potential areas of cooperative research with a delegation from the PRC.