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Dear Healthcare Professional:

I would like to announce that the Great ShakeOut has arrived in Washington State! The Great Washington ShakeOut campaign is designed to provide a sense of urgency about earthquake preparedness and to encourage people, health care facilities and provivers, schools, and communities to get ready, to practice what to do to be safe, and to learn what plans need to be improved ***before*** an earthquake strikes. Our campaign message is simple: **“Drop, Cover, Hold On...and do at least one more thing to improve your earthquake safety”** as part of this event.

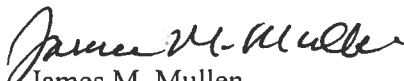
Last year more than 9.1 million people from British Columbia, Oregon, and California participated as part of ShakeOut drills. Our goal in Washington State is to get at least 1 million Washingtonians registered for this year’s event. It only takes a minute, so please register your organization today and spread the word within your community! You can learn more and register today at the Washington ShakeOut website: <http://www.shakeout.org/washington>. Registered participants can also obtain customized information for their facility’s earthquake safety drills at the ShakeOut website under the “Resources” section.

The Great Washington ShakeOut will replace the traditional April / September drills and the inaugural drill will occur at ***10:18 a.m. on October 18, 2012*** this year and on the third Thursday in October in subsequent years. If this date and / or time do not work with your normal operations, please register and hold your drill anytime within two weeks of the event.

The Washington ShakeOut is organized by Washington Emergency Management, the Washington Department of Natural Resources, Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Earthquake Country Alliance, whose members include the U.S. Geological Survey, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and American Red Cross.

If you have any questions regarding the Great Washington ShakeOut or are interested in being listed as a sponsor or supporter, please contact John Schelling, Earthquake Program Manager, Washington Emergency Management, by phone at 253-512-7084 or via e-mail at j.schelling@emd.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


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