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Dear Fellow Structural Engineer:

Structural Engineers Associations (SEA's) currently exist in some thirty-one states. These groups are composed of individual structural engineers who have come together for the betterment of their profession. The National Council of Structural Engineers Associations (NCSEA) represents thirty of these organizations. With its partnering organizations of the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) and the Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE), some 26,000 structural engineers are now actively engaged in activities to promote and improve the structural engineering profession. SEA's are key organizations that are involved in a number of activities. NCSEA, which provides a national forum of collectively pooling the strength of all state SEA's, provides state SEA's an opportunity to help shape the practice of structural engineering at a national level.

However, without a state SEA organization, Ohio structural engineers are not fully able to participate in these activities. Ohio structural engineers are missing the opportunity to participate in the development of codes, adoption of policies regarding separate structural licensing, continuing education issues, and many other issues important to the profession. The latest program under study by NCSEA is certification of structural engineers. If this program is developed, it will affect all structural engineers. Ohio engineers should be taking part in those discussions and participating in determining the future of the profession.

Additionally, with the development and release of the International Building Code, which will be effective on January 1, 2002 in Ohio, structural engineers and their associated role in the code development process will become even more important. With the IBC, depending on the local site geology, Ohio structural engineers will find themselves immersed into seismic design more than ever before. Ohio structural engineers must also stay on the forefront of wind force design as modeling / analysis methods continue to be updated as discussed at the most recent ASCE Structures Congress in Washington D.C. Considering the impact that the IBC will have on our profession, it is very important for Ohio structural engineers to be involved. Ohio structural engineering involvement in the development and maintenance of codes is critical. The best vehicle for that involvement is through a structural engineers association and the NCSEA. The NCSEA members hold seven voting positions on IBC 2000 structural committees and five positions on the NFPA building code committees. Additionally, 28 structural engineers makeup the NCSEA Code Advisory Committees, a group organized to evaluate the codes and make recommendations for changes. None of these individuals are from Ohio.

The engineers whose names appear at the bottom of this letter reside in the state. Some are members of structural engineers associations of other states have seen first hand the benefits that an organization can provide to its members. Isn't it time for the

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structural engineers who call Ohio their home to have their own organization ? Isn't it time for Ohio structural engineers to have a place at the table ? We hope you think so.

A form is enclosed for your use to indicate the level of interest in forming the Structural Engineers Association of Ohio. Please return the form to the address listed. Upon receipt of the forms, we will start making plans for our organizational meeting in Columbus, due to its central location, and notify you of the date, time and specific location. You can also stay updated via SEAEO website at <http://home.fuse.net/seaoo/>. Your immediate attention to this request will help us determine just how many people we can count on to help make the SEAEO a reality and allow us to take our place among the thirty-one other member organizations of NCSEA.



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I would be interested in attending the organizational meeting. _____

I am interested in joining, but will not be attending the meeting. _____
Please keep my name on the mailing list.

I am not interested; please remove my name from the mailing list. _____

I am a department head or have colleagues who might be interested and their names are listed below:

Name	Address	Phone	Fax
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please furnish the information listed below:

Name: _____

Employer: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Licensing Status: S.E. ___ P.E. ___ E.I.T. ___

In order to determine as soon as possible the extent of the interest in this organization, please mail, or e-mail, your response to:

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