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Professor Hareesh Shah has been a pioneer in the fields of risk analysis, earthquake engineering, and probabilistic methods for over 35 years. He has served Stanford University in many capacities, including Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering and Founding Director of the John A. Blume Earthquake Engineering Center.

Hareesh Shah is the author of one book, has contributed to chapters in many books and has been an author or co-author of more than 300 technical papers and reports. He has been a consultant to private organizations and to local, state, and national government agencies. He has worked with UNESCO and several countries around the world to develop building codes and earthquake design criteria. He has been keynote speaker at many national, international conferences and has been a regular keynote invited speaker for many corporations.

Hareesh Shah has been recently involved in the following activities:

1. Founder and Senior Advisor of Risk Management Solutions, Inc. (With more than 1250 employees and eleven offices around the world, RMS, Inc. is a leading software company that specializes in assisting insurance and reinsurance companies as well as banking and other financial institutions in managing their financial risks due to catastrophic events)
2. Chairman of the Board, Buildfolio, Inc. (With offices in Palo Alto and Singapore). Buildfolio is the leading Wireless, Application Services Provider and Enterprise Software Provider in the global real estate and construction industry).
3. Founding Director and Chairman, World Seismic Safety Initiative (WSSI). A not for profit professional organization, WSSI provides assistance to developing and

developed countries of the world towards making their urban and rural communities safe from future earthquakes. They act as catalysts to increase the awareness of governments, NGOs, and general populations about earthquakes and earthquake risk management.

4. Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees, GeoHazards International. A leading philanthropic, not for profit organization that helps developing countries around the world understand and develop strategies to mitigate earthquake risk.
5. Member of the Board of Directors, OYO/RMS Corp. A Japanese corporation with an office in Tokyo, they are leading catastrophe risk management people in Japan. OYO CORP. and RMS, INC jointly own the company.
6. Chairman of the Board of Innova Living Solutions, Inc. This company provides technologies for smart homes with focus on automated energy, security, health and media monitoring of the in home living environment.
7. Member of the Board of Trustees of the Nanyang Technological University (NTU) of Singapore.
8. Chairman of the Academic Advisory Committee of the NTU Board of Trustees.

Dr. Shah received a B. E. degree (1959) from Poona University, India, and degrees of M. S. (1960) and Ph. D. (1963) from Stanford University. **Prof. Shah has received many awards, including the most recent John S. Bickley Gold Medal for Excellence Award from the International Insurance Society for his sustained and outstanding contributions to the insurance industry. In April of 2006, Dr. Shah was given a unique award as the “Top Seismic Engineer of the 20th Century”. This award was given during the 100th year anniversary of the Great 1906 San Francisco Earthquake by the Applied Technology Council/Engineering New Record.**