

Form used by agencies to provide information

Performance Note Request for Information (JR 1-2-104)

BILL NO.: H.B. 279

Agency Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Performance Note prepared by Roger R. Evans

Title Chairman

Phone (435) 615-5113

eMail rogercodes@comcast.net

Cell (801) 856-4112

Performance note due on:

New Program, agency, or appropriation purpose and duties

H.B. 279 requests \$500,000.00 to provide a preliminary assessment of the earthquake safety of the more than 1,000 schools in the state of Utah. The Utah Schools Rapid Visual Screening was funded last year with a \$69,000 grant from FEMA that was used to evaluate 128 school buildings. 51 buildings were determined to have an acceptable level of seismic safety, but 77 school buildings or 60 % were found to require more detailed seismic evaluation to determine if they can withstand strong earthquakes or instead need to be retrofitted or replaced. The \$500,000.00 requested will provide a data bank for all the public and charter schools in the state.

New Program, agency, or appropriation services that will be provided

Ongoing program

Goals and outcomes that will be achieved within one, two, and three years

Year 1: Provide the Rapid Visual Screening (RVS) to all public and charter schools by input into a central collection system (ROVER). Provide the results to the school districts/charter schools and keep the file with the Utah State Office of Education

Year 2:

Resources and steps required to achieve the goals

The FEMA grant provided last year paid for the hand held computers and training for the structural engineers, plus the evaluation of the initial 128 schools.

Benchmarks that will be used to monitor progress toward goals

If H.B. 279 is approved the \$500,000.00 would be spent on structural engineers evaluating the remaining 1,000 + buildings.

Performance measures that will be used to evaluate progress toward goals

Published reports and feedback to the Utah Seismic Safety Commission which holds quarterly meeting that are open to the public.

How information on performance measures will be collected reliably and objectively

The Utah Seismic Safety Commission will publish an updated "Utah Students At Risk" and will place the document on the USSC website (www.ussc.utah.gov)