

IN-SAVE PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE

Mission of the IN-SAVE Coalition

To assist the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) and local jurisdictions in evaluating safety of buildings immediately after natural (fire, flood, tornado, earthquake, etc.) or man-made disasters (acts of terrorism). These volunteers would be required to make on-the-spot evaluations and decisions regarding continued use and occupancy of damaged buildings.

Partners

Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS)

County and Local Jurisdictions

Purdue University School of Civil Engineering

American Society of Civil Engineers, Indiana Section (ASCE)

Indiana Structural Engineers Association (ISEA)

Indiana Society of Professional Engineers (ISPE)

American Institute of Architects, Indiana Chapter (AIA)

American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of Indiana

Volunteers

Frequently Asked Questions

What is IN-SAVE?

The Indiana Structural Assessment and Visual Evaluation Coalition (IN-SAVE) consists of trained and qualified volunteer engineers, architects and other qualified personnel. This volunteer program enables members of the community to offer their time and talents to the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) in the assessment of buildings deemed to be essential facilities. The assessment addresses the building safety for use or if entry to the same should be restricted following a natural or man-made disaster.

Why should I join IN-SAVE?

As a member of the coalition, you will be part of a renowned state volunteer program where you can support IDHS with structural evaluation tasks of essential facilities so that department members can better serve your community in the event of natural disasters, terrorism and other similar emergencies. In return, you will gain a better understanding of the structural condition assessment of structures and become better prepared to handle your own emergencies and those of the community. In addition,

during the training you will also receive continuing professional education credits towards your professional registration.

How can I learn about IN-SAVE?

Visit <http://www.in.gov/dhs/2539.htm> to find information regarding training and certification to become an IN-SAVE volunteer. You may also contact your local EMS department to ask about the program.

What are the specific requirements for who can or cannot volunteer?

IN-SAVE inspectors will be Professional Engineers (I.C. 25-31), architects (I.C. 25-4-1) and other individuals qualified by training and experience who have completed an Enhanced Version of the Applied Technology Council–20 (ATC-20) Post Earthquake Safety Evaluation of Buildings and have been registered by IDHS. Qualified and trained inspectors will be designated as Team Leader, Structural Inspector, General Inspector, Specialty Inspector and Trainee:

- Team Leader: IDHS individual or other qualified individual with special training directly through IDHS.
- Structural Inspector: Registered Professional Engineer with a minimum of 5 years of experience in structural work and expertise in structures; enhanced ATC-20 graduate and application on file with IDHS.
- General Inspector: Bachelor's degree from an accredited Civil Engineering Program; enhanced ATC-20 graduate and application on file with IDHS.
- Specialty Inspector: Registered Professional Engineer or Registered Architect; enhanced ATC-20 graduate and application on file with IDHS.
- Trainee: enhanced ATC-20 Graduate and application on file with IDHS.

What is the ATC-20?

ATC-20 documents procedures and guidelines for the post-earthquake safety evaluation of buildings. It is a one-day course to be provided through IDHS. All costs associated with this training: registration instructor and educational material will be offered to the registrant at no cost. It is intended to enhance this course with other courses, offered at a later date, related to damage to building due to fire, flood, tornado and other hazards.

Do I have to dedicate a certain number of hours per day, week, or year? How long do I have to serve?

Upon completion of the ATC-20 enhanced training, the qualified volunteer will have a 2 year certification. At the end of the 2 years, re-certifications will be issued after completing approved refresher training course. At this time the volunteer will be asked to update the information contained in the application form. Volunteers, if available, agree to provide their services up to 3 consecutive days

as requested by IDHS. Depending on the duration of the event, and completing the 3 day mobilization, the volunteer may be rotated in at a later date. Unless otherwise specified, any person utilized as a volunteer under the IN-SAVE program will have their incidental expenses paid by the state for which volunteer service is provided. These include travel, lodging and per-diem, film or other necessary expenses.

What kind of liability do I have?

Protection from liability for volunteers and their employers is provided through Indiana Emergency Management and Disaster Laws (*I.C. 10-14-3*). Architects and professional engineers working under IDHS in the IN-SAVE Coalition serve as emergency management workers (*I.C. 10-14-3-3*) performing a governmental function of the state and are not liable either jointly or separately for any act or acts, including the death of or injury to persons or for damage to property as a result of any such activity, committed in the performance of their official duties as IN-SAVE volunteers, except in the case of willful misconduct, gross negligence, or bad faith (*I.C. 10-14-3-15*). The assessment and evaluation opinions and conclusions expressed by the employee while serving as an activated IN-SAVE volunteer are solely those of the employee and do not reflect the sentiments of their employer.

Individuals participating in the IN-SAVE Coalition will be covered under the State of Indiana Worker's Compensation coverage for rostered volunteers (*I.C. 22-3-2-2.1*).

IN-SAVE Coalition members volunteer their services to IDHS with the understanding that all requests for volunteer assessments will be made through IDHS. Therefore, persons participating in the IN-SAVE Coalition will not make individual arrangements for volunteer services with local or state jurisdictions unless coordinated by IDHS. This is in no way to limit or restrict normal business relationships or contracts between professional, local governments or private clients.

How do I join the IN-SAVE team?

Individual's interested in becoming a volunteer member of the IN-SAVE Coalition need to complete an Application provided under the "Application and Training Information" section of the IN-SAVE webpage at <http://www.in.gov/dhs/2539.htm>. Applicants will be pre-screened to determine if they meet the volunteer qualifications to participate in the IN-SAVE Coalition. Upon approval, the applicant will be contacted by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security Training Division to register for the ATC-20 training course, offered at no cost, that best corresponds to their schedule and location. After completion of the application process and ATC-20 training, the approved volunteer will be entered into the database as a rostered IDHS IN-SAVE volunteer and considered to be available for deployment following a disaster.