



# Report of the Chair of the SCEC External Advisory Committee

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# Introducing the SCEC External Advisory Committee



**Steve Bohlen**, EAC Chair  
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Earthquake Engineering Research Institute  
Executive Director



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**Bob Woodward**  
EarthScope  
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# EAC contributions to the SCEC Leadership Retreat

**Steve Bohlen**

(State & Federal Government)

**Tim Cockerill**

(Advanced Computing in Academia)

**Janiele Maffei**

(Insurance Industry)

**François Renard**

(International Collaborations)

**Shawn Strande**

(Research & Innovation in Academia)

**Heidi Tremayne**

(Earthquake Engineering Non-Profit)

**Bob Woodward**

(Facilities & University Consortiums)



# Requests of the EAC

- Help with approaching the private sector.
- Advocacy for SCEC with state of California agencies and legislature.
- Facilitating connections with national labs for partnership on upcoming DOE large scale initiatives.
- Reviving the connection with CEA.
- CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission.



# Messaging to Potential Sponsors

- Why is SCEC needed.
- How SCEC can help solve pressing problems in earthquake hazards reduction.
- Lessons from the past: USGS-1994.