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1ST Annual Congress on Infrastructure Security for the Built Environment



Steven M. Baldrige, P.E., S.E., president of the local structural engineering firm Baldrige & Associates Structural Engineering, Inc. recently returned from "The Infrastructure Security Partnership" 1st Annual Congress on Infrastructure Security for the Built Environment held in Washington D.C. from November 3 - 7. During his stay in Washington D.C. he met with high ranking government officials at FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), NIST (National Institute of Science and Technology) and DTRA (Defense Threat Reduction Agency) to discuss research and development related to Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection (AT/FP) design of buildings.

Baldrige & Associates Structural Engineering, Inc. is one of only a few firms in the nation with formal training in Blast Engineering. The firm has participated in the design of

several projects with Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection requirements including the Pacific Command Center at Camp Smith, HI and is active in AT/FP research projects. One of the firm's goals is to assist the University of Hawaii's College of Engineering to obtain grants for Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection research.

Mr. Baldrige is on the Board of Directors of the Applied Technology Council and attended their quarterly board meeting in Washington D.C. The Applied Technology Council (ATC) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation established in 1973 whose mission is to develop and promote state-of-the-art, user-friendly engineering resources and applications for use in mitigating the effects of natural and other hazards on the built environment. The ATC is well known in the engineering community for its work in earthquake damage mitigation. The ATC has recently received federal grants to investigate upgrading buildings to resist terrorist attacks.

If you would like an *Approved for Public Release* copy of the “Department of Defense Anti-Terrorism Standards for Buildings” or require additional information, please feel free to contact Steven M. Baldrige at (808) 534-1300.

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Applied Technology Council (ATC) www.atcouncil.org

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) www.fema.org

National Institute of Science and Technology (NIST) www.nist.gov

Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) www.dtra.mil