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**EERI field investigation teams to Samoa and Indonesia**

Honolulu, HI – With funding from the U.S. National Science Foundation(NSF) EERI member and structural engineer Steven Baldrige, President of Baldrige and Associates in Honolulu, Hawaii, is in Pago Pago, American Samoa, investigating structural damage associated with the M8 earthquake and the resulting tsunami of September 29, 2009. He is traveling with a tsunami survey team, funding separately from the NSF, and headed by the EERI member Hermann Fritz of Georgia Tech. Preliminary reports from this team will be posted in the next few days. EERI will also provide partial support to a team that will travel later in the month and will investigate emergency and coastal management issues.

EERI is also in the process of finalizing a team that will travel to Padang, Indonesia, headed up by Professor Greg Deierlein of Stanford University. More details will be available soon.





