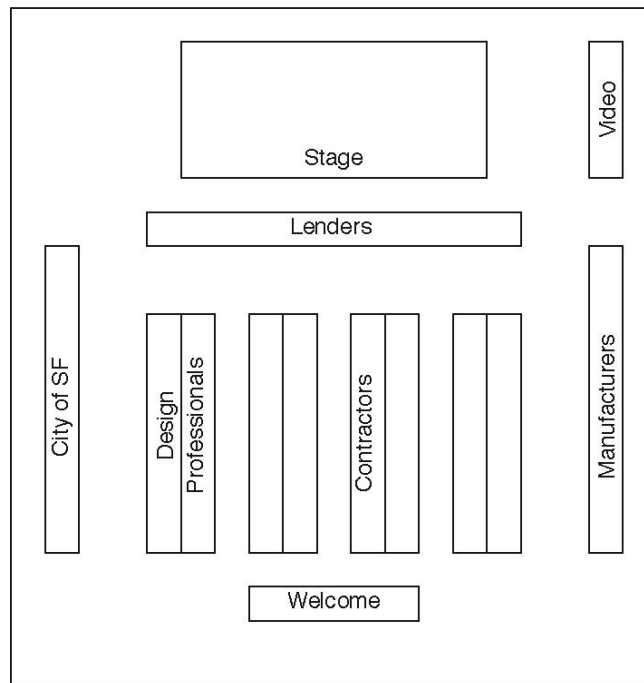




Earthquake Retrofit Fair

January 28, 2014
Bill Graham Civic Auditorium



Please use this guide to help you get the most out of the Retrofit Fair. This event is meant to help property owners navigate the process of complying with the City's new retrofit law successfully.

Mandatory Soft Story Retrofit Program

The mandatory soft story retrofit program is a program with the Department of Building Inspection requiring all soft story multifamily residential buildings to be retrofitted by 2020. This ordinance protects not only the property owner's valuable asset and the residents that live in these buildings but also enhances the resiliency of the City itself after a large earthquake.

This ordinance covers all wood frame buildings built before January 1978 with five or more units containing two or more stories over a soft (target) story.

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The ordinance will require property owners to do the following:

1. **Work with a design professional to complete the screening form by September 15, 2014.** This will determine if you are required to do work or not.
2. **Using the screening form the design professional will determine your building's compliance tier.** This is based on the requirements of the ordinance and will let you know the timeline for the rest of your required retrofit.
3. **If you need to secure financing there are a number of financing options from private lenders and public lenders available at the fair.** Please note that if you would like to be considered for the City's public financing option you must submit your application by April 18, 2014
4. **Permits for your retrofit are required to be issued through the Department of Building Inspection within the time required by your compliance tier.** You will need a design professional and contractor for this.
5. **Your contractor will complete the construction work.** There are companies available that offer products and services that may help this process, such as manufacturers and seismic retrofitting services offering a one-stop-shop approach.
6. **Your work is complete when it has passed the final inspection from the Department of Building Inspection.** The inspector will issue a Certificate of Final Completion (CFC) and you will have met the requirements of this law.

Important Dates:

September 15, 2014: All screening forms must be completed by a design professional and submitted to the Department of Building Inspection.

April 18, 2014: All application for GreenFinanceSF, the City's public finance option, must be submitted to the Earthquake Safety Implementation Program.

There is a video playing in the back of our Informational Workshops.

