Farzad Naeim (M. EERI, 1983), President of Farzad Naeim, Inc. and Adjunct Professor of Engineering at University of California, Irvine, has been named the 2017 recipient of the Bruce A. Bolt Medal. He is recognized for more than three decades of contributions to earthquake engineering, technology and public policy through projects like his ongoing work with the City of Los Angeles to develop regulations for the design and construction of very tall buildings. He also demonstrates extraordinary leadership transferring knowledge into practice to improve seismic safety.

The Bruce Bolt Medal is awarded jointly by the Consortium of Strong Motion Observation Systems (COSMOS), the Seismological Society of America (SSA), and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) to recognize individuals worldwide whose accomplishments involve the promotion and use of strong-motion earthquake data and whose leadership in the transfer of scientific and engineering knowledge into practice or policy has led to improved seismic safety.

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