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Dr. Scalingi serves as Director of PNWER's Pacific Northwest Center for Regional Disaster Resilience. The Center works with stakeholders to develop and manage activities and provide information resources to improve the ability of the Pacific Northwest to protect its critical infrastructures and withstand and recover from all-hazards disasters. Since October 2001, Dr. Scalingi has helped private and public sector organizations within PNWER to develop and implement regional exercises (the Blue Cascades series), follow-up Action Plans, and projects focused on infrastructure interdependencies and disaster resilience. In addition to her Pacific Northwest activities, as President of The Scalingi Group, she has developed similar initiatives for the states of Iowa and Maryland; in the San Diego, New Orleans, and Chicago regions, and for the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics.

Dr. Scalingi formerly served as founder and director of the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Critical Infrastructure Protection. She also served in the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, and on the staff of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. In addition, she served as director of the Decision and Information Sciences Division at Argonne National Laboratory, where she founded and managed the Infrastructure Assurance Center, and was technical liaison to the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Along with her current PNWER responsibilities, Dr. Scalingi is the First Vice Chair of The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP), a national non-profit comprised of associations and private sector organizations, of which PNWER is a member. For TISP, she was the principal architect and drafter of the *Guide to Develop an Action Plan for Regional Disaster Resilience*, which is now widely used by jurisdictions and organizations as a planning tool.