

# “How high’s the water, Mama?”

*Disaster Resistant Designs with Insulating Concrete Forms and Reinforced Concrete*



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## Course Description & Objectives



**Introduction to ICF/Concrete structures designed for disaster resistance**  
• ICF Concrete Walls, Elevated Floors & Roofs  
• How do they work? What can I build?



**Governing Codes and Standards**  
• International Code Council  
• American Concrete Institute  
• American Society of Civil Engineers



**Case Studies of Disaster Resistant ICF Structures**  
• Louisiana School FEMA Rebuilds & S.F. Residence  
• H.C. Moore Library & Delaware Beach Home

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### Large Natural Disaster Statistics

Impact:	Sandy 2012 Disaster #1	Katrina 2005 Disaster #2	2011/2012 Tornados (USA) Disaster #3
# Lives Lost	132	1836	622
\$ Damage	\$50 Billion	\$81 Billion	\$44 Billion
# Homes Destroyed	72,000	340,000	100,000 (est.)

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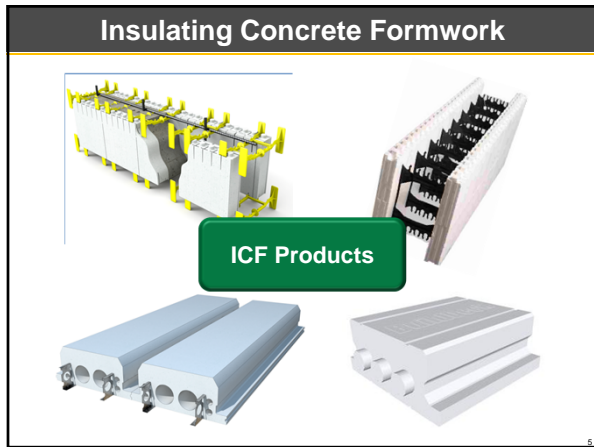
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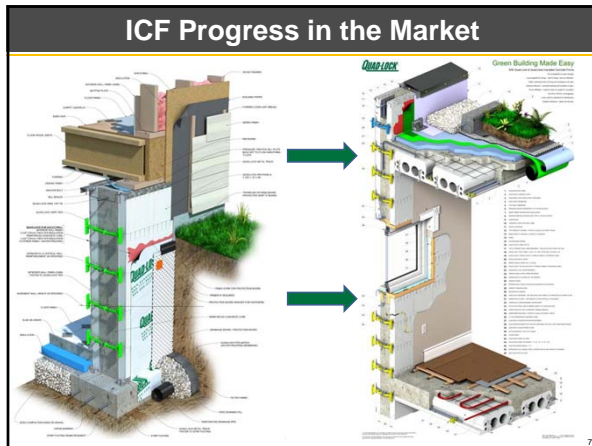
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### PCA Lateral Strength Analysis (ASTM E564-95)

	Wood Frame	ICF & Concrete	Concrete % Advantage
 Global Lateral Stiffness (lbs/in)	18,500	708,000	+3,827%
Load at First Major Damage (lbs)	3,500	8,500	+243%
Displacement at First Major Damage (in)	0.51	0.06	+850%
Maximum Lateral Resistance (lbs)	4,553	34,254	+752%
Displacement at Max. Lateral Resist. (in)	0.89	2.66	+299%

Test performed by PCA based on ASTM E564-95

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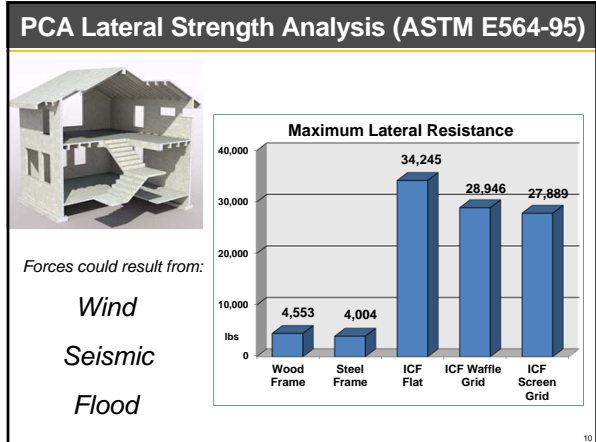
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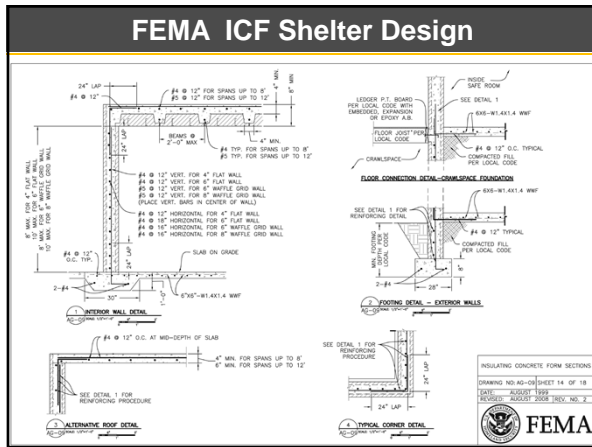
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### ICF Buildings Become Hardened Shelters



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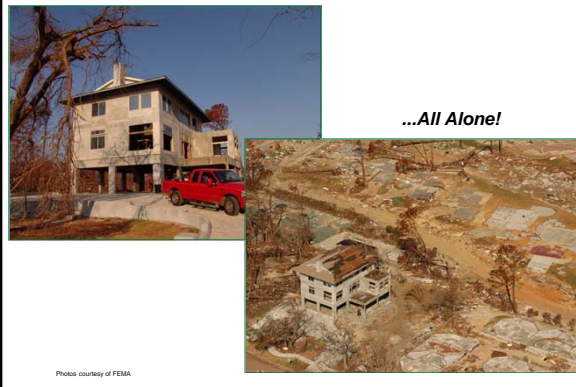
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### Elevated ICF Structure Survives Katrina



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### Bringing Efficiency to Slab Design



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### Achieving Design Objectives

<b>Design Objective:</b>	<b>Designer's Task:</b>
1. Maintain building shape and integrity while safely carrying expected loads	• Efficiently resist shear and bending forces
2. Minimize acceleration of high mass elements under shock loads	• Create lighter & stronger elements
3. Minimize cost and space requirements of supporting structure	• Create long spans
4. Reduce Cost	• Minimize need for additional materials and labor



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Advanced Formwork System for Precast Concrete

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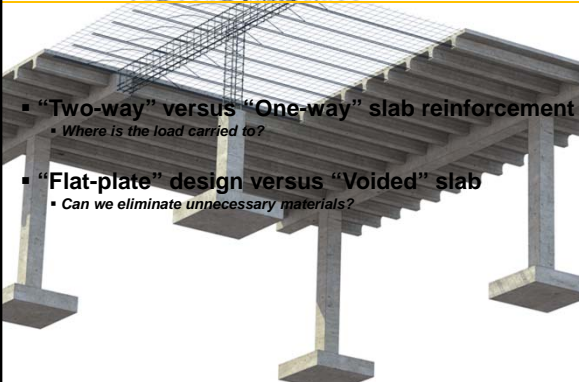
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### Two Important Design Concepts:



- **“Two-way” versus “One-way” slab reinforcement**
  - Where is the load carried to?
- **“Flat-plate” design versus “Voided” slab**
  - Can we eliminate unnecessary materials?

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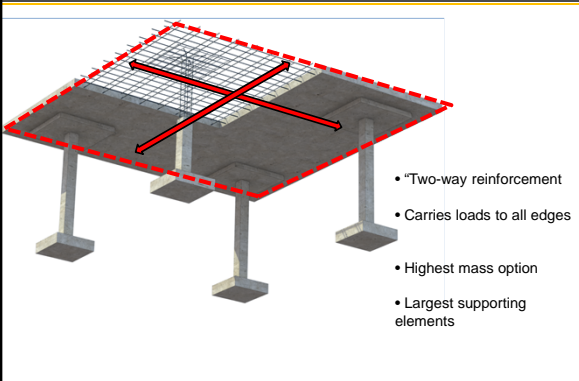
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### Conventional Suspended Slab



- “Two-way reinforcement
- Carries loads to all edges
- Highest mass option
- Largest supporting elements

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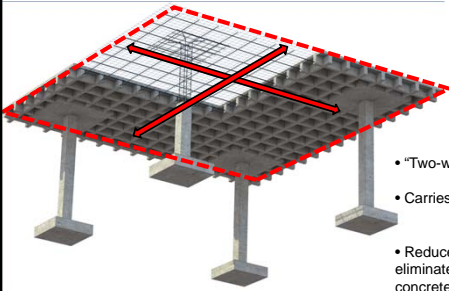
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### “Voided” Elevated Slab



- Two-way reinforcement
- Carries loads to all edges
- Reduced mass option eliminates unnecessary concrete
- Requires smaller supporting elements

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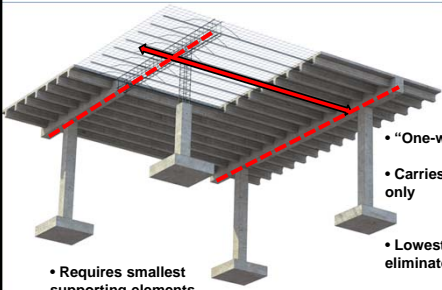
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### “One-Way” Voided Elevated Slab



- “One-way” reinforcement
- Carries loads to two edges only
- Lowest mass option eliminates more concrete
- Reduces steel consumption

• Requires smallest supporting elements

*Best overall efficiency in design: Functional and cost-effective*

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### ICF Voided Slab Designs




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### Three Voided Slab ICF Designs

1. Cut foam with steel insert

2. Moulded foam over engineered steel joist

3. Moulded panel with integral steel stiffener

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### How Does it Work?

#### A "Pan Form" for T-Beam Slab Construction

SLAB DEPTH 2" - 4"

BEAM DEPTH 5" - 10 1/2"

INSULATION 2" - 3"

24" 24"

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### Concrete Beams

#### Superimposed Load – Concrete Beam

- Steel works in tension
- Concrete works in compression

Area of interest

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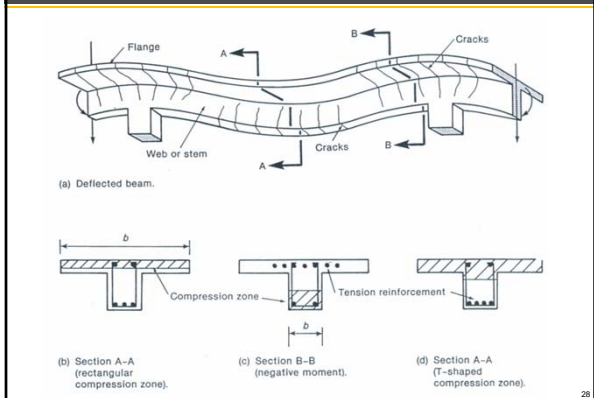
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### Positive & Negative Moment Regions in a T-beam




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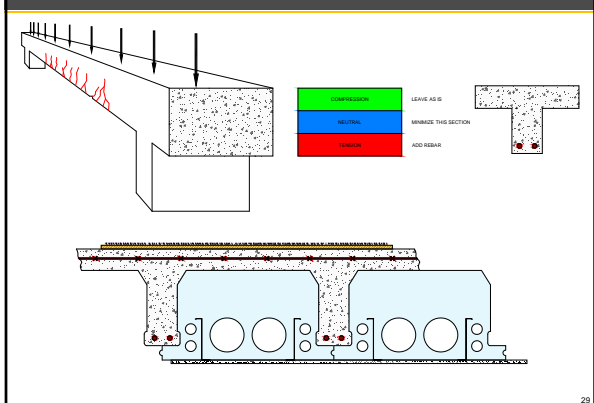
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### T-Beam Evolution




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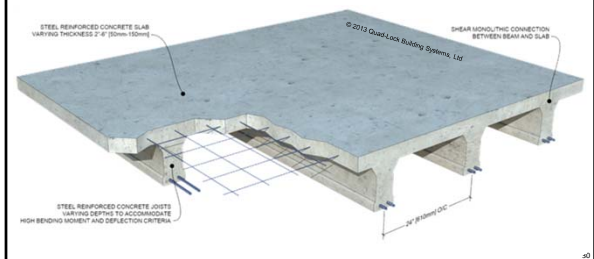
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### Achieves Design Objectives

- Safely carries expected loads
- Maintains building shape and structural integrity
- 40% lower mass reduces accelerated loads
- Long span capacity




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### Compare Concrete Slab vs. ICF T-Beam

25'-0" Single Span: 8" Concrete Slab @ 50 psf LL		
Concrete needed		37 cu.yd
Top Reinforcement #4 @ 12" O.C. E/W		1872 Lb
Bottom Reinforcement #6 @ 12" O.C. E/W		4209 Lb
		6081 Lb

25'-0" Single Span: 11" OD + 2.5" Slab @ 50 psf LL		
Concrete needed		18.4 cu.yd
Top Reinforcement 6x6 WWM		286 Lb
Bottom Reinforcement 2-#6 @ 24" O.C.		2883 Lb
Quad-Deck Z-Strips Spaced @ 12" O.C.		900 Lb
		4071 Lb

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### Increase Spans By:

- Adding supporting beams
- Increasing height of T-beams
- Post-tensioning

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### Beam Configurations:

FLUSHED BEAM WITH OR WITHOUT COLUMN SUPPORT

FLUSHED BEAM WITH DROPPED STEEL BEAM

DROPPED BEAM WITH OR WITHOUT COLUMN SUPPORT

FLUSHED BEAM WITH INTEGRATED STEEL BEAM

STIRRUPS FOR SHEAR REINFORCEMENT

TOP HATS INCREASE CONCRETE JOIST DEPTH

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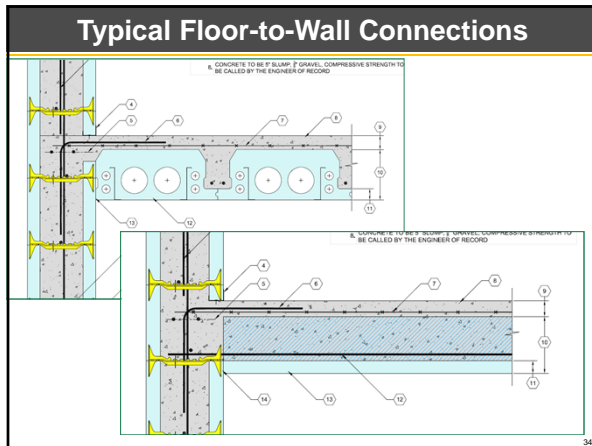
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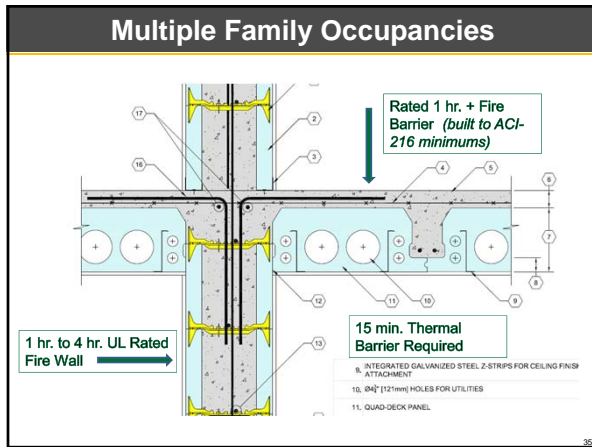
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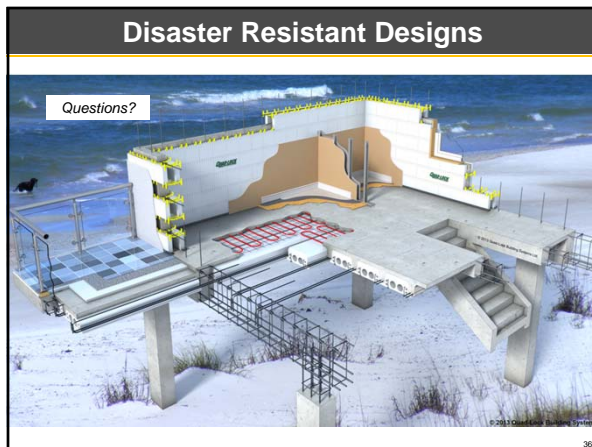
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### Desired Characteristics of Building Shells

Desired Characteristics <small>** Code Mandated</small>	Wood Frame	Steel Frame	Conv. Concrete	ICF Concrete
Moisture Resistant**				
Wind Resistant**		↓	"Low or No Capacity"	
Seismic Resistant**				
Thermal Continuity**		\$\$	"High Added Cost"	
Fire Resistant**				
Safe/Non-toxic**		"Yes"	"Inherent To Design"	
Impact Resistant				
Adaptable to Design & Utilities				

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Fire Resistant**	↓	\$\$	Yes	Yes
Safe/Non-toxic**	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Impact Resistant	↓	↓	Yes	Yes
Adaptable to Design & Utilities	\$	\$\$	\$\$	Yes

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### Disaster Resistant Designs

Relevant Codes & Standards

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### Relevant Codes and Standards

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	<b>International Residential Code</b> • Chapters 3, 6 & 11
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	<b>International Building Code</b> • Chapters 16 & 19
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	<b>International Energy Conservation Code</b>
<b>ASCE</b> <small>American Society of Civil Engineers</small>	<b>ASCE 24-05</b> • Flood Resistant Design & Construction
<b>aci</b> <small>American Concrete Institute®</small>	<b>ACI 318</b> • Building Requirements for Structural Concrete

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### Topical Code References

<b>1</b> Foam & ICFs	<b>2</b> Structure & Design	<b>3</b> Disaster Resistance
<b>Protection Requirements</b>  <b>Fire Characteristics</b>  <b>Acceptance Criteria</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insulating forms</li> <li>• Foamed plastics</li> </ul> <b>Evaluation Reports</b>	<b>Residential Design</b>  <b>Multi-family &amp; Commercial Designs</b>  <b>Concrete Structures</b>  <b>Evaluation Reports</b>	<b>Wind Resistance</b>  <b>Seismic Resistance</b>  <b>Flood Resistance</b>  <b>Fire Resistance Rating</b>

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### Topical Code References

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### Topical Code References

## 2 Structure & Design

- IRC Chapter 3
  - Section R301
- IRC Chapter 6
  - Section R611
- IBC Chapter 16
  - Section 1614.3.1
  - Section 1612
  - Section 1609
- ACI 318
- Evaluation Reports

- ⇒ Residential design requirements
- ⇒ Prescriptive designs for ICF buildings
- ⇒ Design requirements for multi-family and commercial buildings
- ⇒ Code requirements for concrete
- ⇒ Designs using proprietary products

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### Topical Code References

## 3 Disaster Resistance

- IRC Chapter 3
  - Section R322
  - Section R323
- IBC Chapter 19
- IBC Appendix G
  - ASCE 24-05, ASCE 7
- ACI 216
- ICF Evaluation Reports

- ⇒ Requirements for residential designs
- ⇒ Requirements for multi-family & commercial designs
- ⇒ Flood resistant designs for construction; Loading requirements
- ⇒ Fire resistance of construction materials
- ⇒ Individual Fire Resistance Ratings

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### Disaster Resistant ICF Designs

H.C. Moore Library & Information Centre

Custom Home & Sandy Survivor

So. Plaquemines & Salmen High Schools

Elevated Single Family Residence

### Four Case Studies

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### Harry C. Moore Library – Bahamas



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### Harry C. Moore Library – Bahamas

**Building Facts:**

- 60,000 sq. Ft.
- 85% radius wall surfaces
- Integrated reinforced columns 3 stories high
- Specified & designed as National Disaster Relief Center (Category 5 hurricane threat)
- 2011 ICF Builder Awards "Best in Class" (Heavy Commercial)
- Exceeds IECC insulation requirements



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### Custom Home – Dewey Beach, MD



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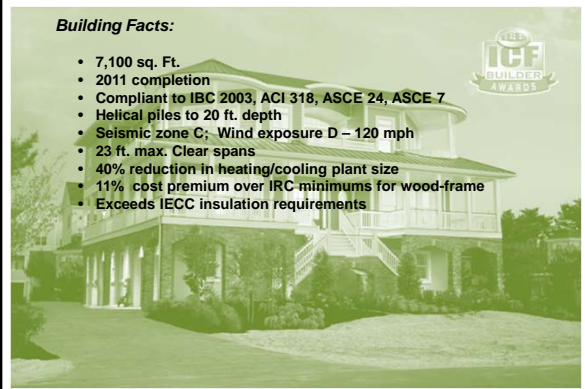
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### Custom Home – Dewey Beach, MD

**Building Facts:**

- 7,100 sq. Ft.
- 2011 completion
- Compliant to IBC 2003, ACI 318, ASCE 24, ASCE 7
- Helical piles to 20 ft. depth
- Seismic zone C; Wind exposure D – 120 mph
- 23 ft. max. Clear spans
- 40% reduction in heating/cooling plant size
- 11% cost premium over IRC minimums for wood-frame
- Exceeds IECC insulation requirements



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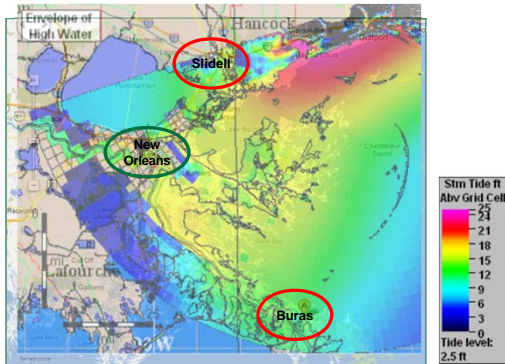
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### Louisiana High School Re-builds



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### Salmen High School – Slidell, LA



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### South Plaquemines H.S. – Buras, LA



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### FEMA School Replacement Projects

**High School Building Facts:**

- 140,000 sq. Ft. (S.H.S) , 150,000 sq. Ft. (S.P.H.S)
- Compliant to IBC 2006, ACI-318, ASCE-7
- Wind categories 130 mph (S.H.S) and 145 mph (S.P.H.S.)
- Exposure class C
- Elevated 13' to 18' above grade
- Exceeds IECC 2012 insulation levels



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### Elevated SFR – Treasure Isle, LA



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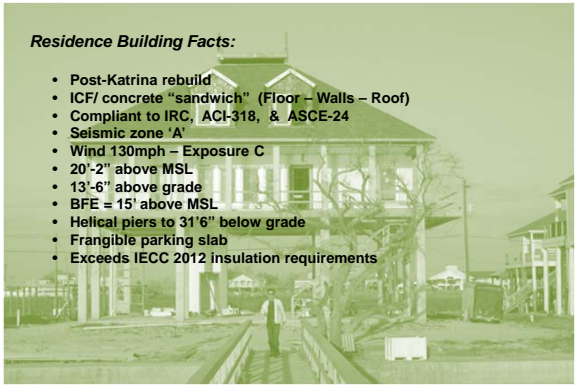
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### Elevated SFR – Treasure Isle, LA

**Residence Building Facts:**

- Post-Katrina rebuild
- ICF/ concrete "sandwich" (Floor – Walls – Roof)
- Compliant to IRC, ACI-318, & ASCE-24
- Seismic zone 'A'
- Wind 130mph – Exposure C
- 20'-2" above MSL
- 13'-6" above grade
- BFE = 15' above MSL
- Helical piers to 31'6" below grade
- Frangible parking slab
- Exceeds IECC 2012 insulation requirements



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