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AASHTO	American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials
ACSA	Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AHJ	Authority Having Jurisdiction
AIA	American Institute of Architects
AK	Alaska
AL	Alabama
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ARC	American Red Cross
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
ATC	Applied Technology Council

B

BFE	base flood elevation
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administrators International
BSSC	Building Seismic Safety Council
BUR	built-up roof

C

CA	California
CBR	chemical, biological, or radiological
CMU	concrete masonry unit

D

DE	Delaware
DFE	design flood elevation

E

EIFS	exterior insulation finish system
ELF	Equivalent Lateral Force
EPDM	ethylene propylene diene monomer
EPS	expanded polystyrene system

F

FEA	finite element analysis
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
FIS	Flood Insurance Study
FL	Florida
FM	Factory Mutual
FMG	Factory Mutual Global
FMR	Factory Mutual Research



GIS Geographic Information System
gpm gallons per minute



HazMat hazardous materials
HAZUS Hazards U.S.
HAZUS-MH Hazards U.S. - Multihazards
HID high intensity
HVAC heating, ventilating, and air conditioning



IBC International Building Code
ICBO International Conference of Building Officials
ICC International Code Council
ID identification
IL Illinois
IT Information Technology



K-12 kindergarten to grade 12
km kilometer



LA	Louisiana
LCD	liquid crystal display



MA	Massachusetts
MD	Maryland
M/E/P	Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing
mph	miles per hour
MT	Montana
MWFRS	main wind-force resisting system



NBC	National Building Code
NC	North Carolina
NEHRP	National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIBS	National Institute of Building Sciences



O&M	operations and maintenance
OH	Ohio
OSB	oriented strand board

P

PA	Pennsylvania
PMR	protected membrane roof
psf	pounds per square foot

R

RC	reinforced concrete
RSP	Rapid Screening Procedure

S

SBC	Standard Building Code
SBCCI	Southern Building Code Congress International
SC	South Carolina
SEACO	Structural Engineers Association of California
SFPE	Society of Fire Protection Engineers
SPF	sprayed polyurethane foam
SUG	Seismic Use Group

T

TN	Tennessee
tv	television
TX	Texas



UBC	Uniform Building Code
URM	unreinforced masonry
U.S.	United States
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USFA	United States Fire Administration
USGS	United States Geological Survey
UT	Utah



VA	Virginia
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W	Washington
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