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

**B**

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

## C

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|------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>CA</b>  | California                            |
| <b>CBR</b> | chemical, biological, or radiological |
| <b>CMU</b> | concrete masonry unit                 |

## D

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| <b>DE</b>  | Delaware               |
| <b>DFE</b> | design flood elevation |

## E

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>EIFS</b> | exterior insulation finish system |
| <b>ELF</b>  | Equivalent Lateral Force          |
| <b>EPDM</b> | ethylene propylene diene monomer  |
| <b>EPS</b>  | expanded polystyrene system       |

## F

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



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| <b>LA</b>  | Louisiana              |
| <b>LCD</b> | liquid crystal display |



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



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|--------------|---|
| <b>NBC</b>   | National Building Code                        |
| <b>NC</b>    | North Carolina                                |
| <b>NEHRP</b> | National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program |
| <b>NFIP</b>  | National Flood Insurance Program              |
| <b>NFPA</b>  | National Fire Protection Association          |
| <b>NIBS</b>  | National Institute of Building Sciences       |



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| <b>O&amp;M</b> | operations and maintenance |
| <b>OH</b>      | Ohio                       |
| <b>OSB</b>     | oriented strand board      |

## P

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| <b>PA</b>  | Pennsylvania            |
| <b>PMR</b> | protected membrane roof |
| <b>psf</b> | pounds per square foot  |

## R

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| <b>RC</b>  | reinforced concrete       |
| <b>RSP</b> | Rapid Screening Procedure |

## S

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

## T

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| <b>TN</b> | Tennessee  |
| <b>tv</b> | television |
| <b>TX</b> | Texas      |



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



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| <b>VA</b> | Virginia |
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| <b>W</b> | Washington |
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