

ABFE	Advisory Base Flood Elevation
ACI	American Concrete Institute
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers
ASHRAE	American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning Engineers, Inc.
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
BCFH	Boulder Community Foothills Hospital
BFE	Base Flood Elevation
BIA	Brick Industry Association
BOCA	Building Officials and Code Administrators International, Inc.
BURs	Built-Up Roofs
C&C	Components and Cladding
CMU	Concrete Masonry Unit
DFE	Design Flood Elevation
EERI	Earthquake Engineering Research Institute
EIFS	Exterior Insulation Finish Systems
ELF	Equivalent Lateral Force
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EOC	Emergency Operation Center
ER	Emergency Room
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIRMs	Flood Insurance Rate Maps
FISs	Flood Insurance Studies
FMG	Factory Mutual Global

FMR	Factory Mutual Research
GAO	General Accounting Office
HSSA	Hospital Seismic Safety Act (California)
HVAC	Heating, Ventilating, and Air-Conditioning
IBC	International Building Code
ICBO	International Conference of Building Officials
ICC	International Code Council
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.
KCH	Kona Community Hospital
LACDHS	Los Angeles County, Department of Health Services
LPS	Lightning Protection System
M/E/P	Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing
MEPS	Molded Expanded Polystyrene
MMI	Modified Mercalli Intensity
MOB	Medical Office Building
MWFRS	Main Wind-Force Resisting System
NBC	National Building Code
NEHRP	National Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NFPA	National Fire Protection Association
NIBS	National Institute of Building Sciences
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NSC	Nonstructural Seismic Coordinator
OR	operating room
OSB	Oriented Strand Board
OSHDP	Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (California)
PCI	Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute
PGA	Peak Ground Acceleration
PMRs	Protected Membrane Roof

REACH	Rapid Evaluation and Assessment Checklist
SBC	Standard Building Code
SBCCI	Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc.
SDC	Seismic Design Category
SPF	Sprayed Polyurethane Foam
TIA	Telecommunications Industry Association
USACE	U.S. Army Corp of Engineers
UBC	Uniform Building Code
URM	Unreinforced Masonry
USGS	U. S. Geological Survey
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
VSI	Vinyl Siding Institute

