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Better Building Standards Needed

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From the Editor

One of the strengths of masonry is that it can provide an economical solution for mitigating disasters, whether fire, wind, hail or other. Resilient design will likely be a hot topic for 2017 as the articles below indicate. How to strengthen existing building codes and improve upon design are among the topics to be considered.

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CODE and STANDARDS NEWS

Recent Tornadoes Highlight Need for Better Building Standards

GOVERNMENT SECURITY NEWS

The Federal Alliance for Safe Homes said the tragedies like the deadly tornadoes that recently tore through the South demonstrate the need for better building standards. The alliance discusses the benefits of adopting the research-informed Dual-Objective-Based Tornado Design Philosophy – an idea backed by civil engineer David Prevatt: "If we can put a man on the moon, we can keep a roof on a house." [Read more.](#)

Benchmarking Booms Across U.S.

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Urban Green Policy Director Laurie Kerr highlights the remarkable progress on energy efficiency policy in City Energy Project cities over recent months including the expansion of square footage covered by building benchmarking laws. [Read more.](#)

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

Toward Resiliency

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News reports during the past year have detailed major weather disasters nearly every month, making what used to be once-in-a-lifetime events appear almost commonplace, and communities throughout the U.S. are facing increased drought or more intense storms. The construction industry should focus on building more resilient structures to withstand these natural disasters according to [this article.](#)

USGBC Releases List of Top 10 States for LEED

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The results are in! All of the states that make up the Top 10 list have done an extraordinary job promoting LEED and making sustainable solutions a priority. The per-capita list is based on 2010 U.S. Census data and includes commercial and institutional green building projects that were certified throughout 2016. [View the list.](#)

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EDUCATIONAL NEWS

Register today to attend The Sustainability Summit 2017 for Free

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The Sustainability Summit is a large-scale conference, exhibition and networking event, taking place as part of New York Build. The Summit explores government initiatives for supporting sustainability in the built environment, sustainable materials, technology and best practice, and the future of sustainability in the build environment. Register [here](#).

A S T M International Symposium on Masonry Innovations in Collaborative Research, Development and Applications

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Papers are invited for the symposium Masonry 2018: Innovations in Collaborative Research, Development and Applications, to be held June 26, 2018 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina in San Diego, California. The symposium is being co-sponsored by ASTM International Committees C01 on Cement, C07 on Lime, C12 on Mortars and Grouts for Unit Masonry, and C15 on Manufactured Masonry Units, and will be held in conjunction with the standards development meetings of the committees. To participate in the symposium, presenters/authors must submit a 250-300 word preliminary abstract at <http://www.astm.org/C07CFP062018> by April 21, 2017.

BIM-Masonry Symposium Announced

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The BIM-M Executive Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 BIM-M Symposium for May 4-5, 2017. It will be held at the IMI District Training Center just outside Chicago. The 2017 BIM-M Symposium will highlight completed and on-going projects for BIM users. While both symposium days will be valuable for all masonry BIM users, May 4 will emphasize Designers and May 5 will emphasize Contractors. Architects, engineers, contractors and manufacturers will be treated to products and techniques to simplify design, detailing and collaboration with masonry. Further details and registration information will be forth coming on the BIMM web site (www.bimformasonry.org).

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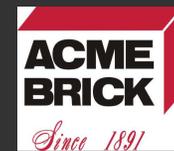


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