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OBJECTIVES

The goal of this project was to collect accurate construction cost data for residential and light commercial buildings made with ICFs. This data may then be used for submittal to construction estimating guides such as RSMeans. There were four objectives for this project. These objectives are listed as project tasks below:

Task 1 – Identify Experienced ICF Contractors

The NAHB Research Center worked with PCA and the Insulating Concrete Form Association (ICFA) to compile a list of experienced ICF contractors and distributors (plank and block systems). An effort was made to include ICF builders from each of three regions in the U.S. typifying cold, mixed, and hot climates. These builders were selected to participate in a construction cost analysis survey.

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Task 2 – Develop the Cost Survey Form

A cost survey form was developed as a method to collect cost information specific to ICFs for use in residential and light-commercial above-grade and below-grade wall construction. The survey form was reviewed and approved by PCA prior to mailing to the participants.

Task 3 – Conduct the Contractor Cost Survey

The survey form was mailed with an explanatory cover letter (see Appendix A) to each of the identified contractors (see Appendix B). A small incentive was offered to the first twenty respondents to promote a prompt return of the completed survey form.

Task 4 – Summary Report of Cost Data

The cost data obtained from the returned survey forms was evaluated and verified relative to existing data available at the NAHB Research Center from previous work on ICF systems. The data was compiled into a format similar to that used in common construction-estimating guides.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The concept for the survey was to have several ICF contractors and distributors throughout the country submit construction cost estimates on the same ICF home plan (see Appendix A). The cost estimates were to be based on flat type ICF use. A standardized home was used to ensure that each contractor provided an estimate for the same structure. The home did not necessarily represent that of a typical ICF design, but was intended to include the basic elements used in ICF construction. The model was a 4,160 square foot³, two-story home derived by the NAHB Research Center. The survey participants received three simple wall layouts; one for the basement, one for the first floor, and one for the second floor. The window and door opening locations were specified on each layout and wall dimensions were shown. To further simplify the process, the total linear footage of wall was provided for each floor, along with the total linear footage of window and door buck. In addition, the wall thickness, wall height, and steel reinforcing schedule in the walls were specified for each floor.

The survey was split into two sections: below grade walls, and above grade walls. Each of these sections included a material cost section and a labor cost section. In the materials section, all of the elements needed to construct an ICF wall were listed. In the labor section, all labor tasks required for constructing an ICF wall were included. Participants in the survey were to fill out the form with cost estimates for each of these items. The materials and labor tasks that were included in the survey are listed below.

Materials

- Insulating Concrete Forms (ICFs) and Accessories
- Concrete
- Reinforcing Steel

³ Gross square footage of house plan including basement.

- Window and door buck
- Top plates
- Anchors
- Waterproofing
- Finishing (parging)

Labor Tasks

- Placing ICFs
- Bracing
- Installing Reinforcement
- Pouring concrete
- Waterproofing
- Finishing

Special Job Costs

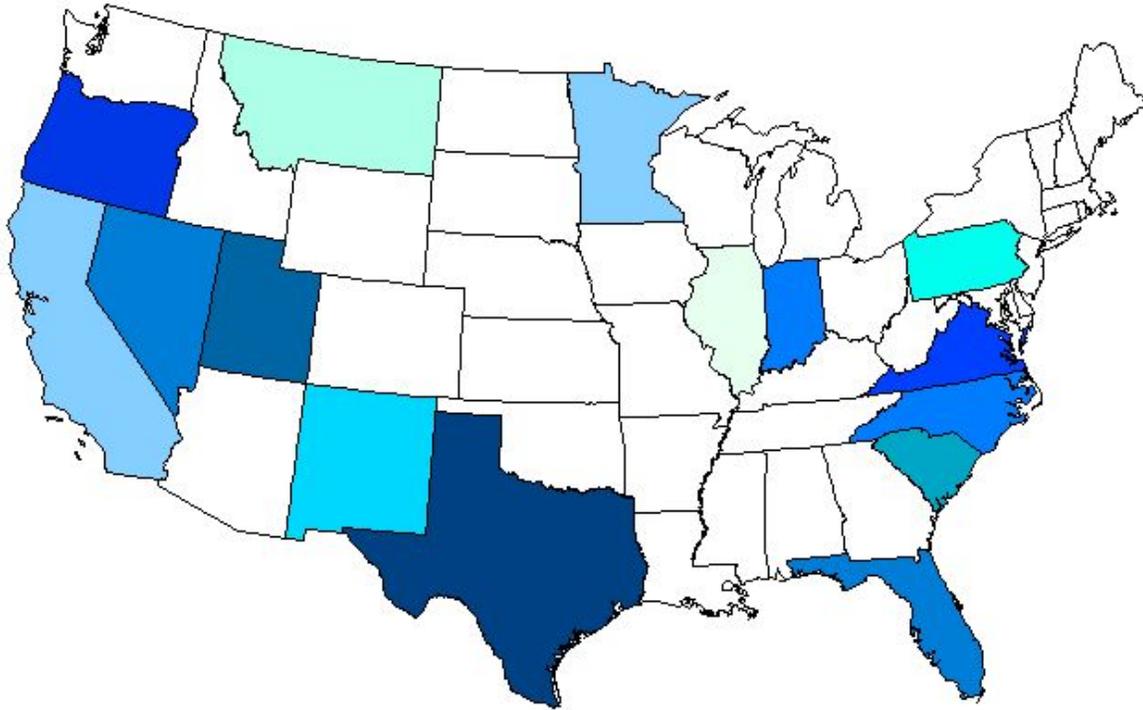
- Concrete pump
- Temporary bracing and scaffolding
- Engineering

In addition to the cost-estimating questions, each participant was asked to answer several questions pertaining to their particular business. For example: materials typically used, special methodologies used, years of experience in ICF construction, and geographic area served. This allowed for an evaluation of the survey sampling. A broad geographical range of samples and knowledge of the experience level of the sample population was desired.

The survey form was mailed to 137 ICF contractors, and 113 ICF distributors. The participants were given nine weeks to complete the survey. A reminder letter was sent out after the second week to encourage participation in the survey.

SURVEY RESULTS

Overall, the return rate of the survey was lower than anticipated. Only seven percent of the surveys were returned to the NAHB Research Center, and some of the returned surveys were incomplete or had been completed in error. A twenty percent return rate had been expected for this research. After nine weeks, a total of 18 surveys had been returned; 14 from contractors, and 4 from distributors. The experience level of the participants that returned the survey ranged from 1 year to 19 years in the ICF construction industry. The average experience level was 9 years. The geographic distribution of the returned surveys represented the three major regions of the United States well, and is shown in the map below. However, some of these surveys were incomplete, and could not be used for the final summary cost analysis.



Geographic Distribution of Returned Surveys

(Shaded states indicate one or more surveys returned from that state)

ICF COST ANALYSIS

The responses from the returned surveys were tabulated and evaluated. A best effort was made to interpret the intent of each of the participant’s responses. Many of the responses had to be converted to values that were in the format intended by the survey, and some responses that were answered in error were omitted from the analysis. The validated and averaged data was also converted to a format that is consistent with the building assemblies’ format used in RSMeans.

The tables below show each of the survey items and the responses used in the final cost analysis. Some of the responses shown have been converted to the proper units to allow for averaging. See Appendix C for a summarized table of actual responses from each respondent. The average values shown in the following tables were used to develop a combined table that matches the format used in the “building assemblies” section of RSMeans for estimating residential construction costs (see Appendix D).

Below Grade Flat ICF Walls - Materials

This table shows the costs for standard materials used for constructing below-grade, flat-type, ICF walls. In addition, special construction costs, not necessarily related to building materials have been included. Only nine of the eighteen returned survey forms had this data filled in. This table shows the responses (if provided) from each participant. The units have been standardized

and are shown with the specific material. Averages were computed with these units, and a cost per square foot of ICF wall is included to compare with standard estimating guides such as RSMMeans.

Below Grade Flat ICF Walls – Materials											
Material	Respondent Number									AVG.	Entry¹
	1	4	6	7	8	9	11	14	16		
Concrete (\$/CY)		75	75	65	72	80	75	68		72.86	1.80
Flat ICF Forms (\$/SF)	3.38	2.93	2.73	3.40		3.62	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.13	3.13
Reinforcing Bar ² (\$/LF)			0.27	0.21	0.24		0.13	0.14		0.20	(V) 0.10 (H) 0.07
Waterproofing (\$/SF)				0.66	0.42	0.41	0.70	0.53		0.54	0.54
Anchor Bolts ³ (\$/each)	1.00			0.28	0.65				0.60	0.63	0.02
Door and Window Buck ⁴ (\$/LF)	1.40					2.50		5.80	3.75	3.36	0.09
Parging ⁵ (\$/SF)				.09			.33	.18		0.20	0.20
Special Costs											
Concrete Pump (\$/SF)				0.54	0.25	0.28	0.56	0.24		0.38	0.38
Bracing and Scaffolding (\$/LF)	1.70			2.81	2.14	1.88	1.31			1.97	0.22
Engineering (\$/LF)						1.88	3.12	3.75	7.50	4.06	0.16
Total material cost per square foot (below grade, 8-inch, Flat ICF wall)											6.71

¹Converted to Cost per square foot of ICF wall

²#4 bar at 24" o.c. in vertical direction and 36" o.c. in horizontal direction

³Anchor bolts placed at 4' o.c.

⁴Based on 0.027 LF of buck per SF of wall

⁵Assumes half of foundation wall parged (1440 / 2 = 720 SQ FT)

Below Grade Flat ICF Walls – Labor

This table shows labor costs for standard tasks required to construct below-grade, flat-type, ICF walls. The labor rates and man-hours used to derive the labor costs are included. The average labor costs were calculated for comparison with standard estimating guides such as RSMMeans.

Below Grade Flat ICF Walls – Labor												
Task	Respondent Number										AVG.	Entry ¹
	1	6	7	8	9	11	14	16	17			
ICFs												
Unload ICFs	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00	21.00	30.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	15.00	16.75	0.03
	Man Hours		4	2	1	2.4	1	3	8	1.5	2.86	
	(\$/SF)		0.04	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.03	
Set Up ICFs	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00		30.00	15.60	12.00	13.20	15.00	16.69	1.07
	Man Hours		160	40		72	48	72		66	76.33	
	(\$/SF)		1.78	0.42		1.50	0.52	0.60	2.00	0.69	1.07	
Align ICFs	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00	21.00	30.00	16.00	12.00	13.00		17.57	0.10
	Man Hours			20	2	9.6	2	9	8		8.43	
	(\$/SF)			0.21	0.03	0.20	0.02	0.08	0.07		0.10	
Total ICF											1.20	
Place Rebar	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00	21.00	30.00		12.00	13.00		17.83	0.15
	Man Hours			20		2.4		24			15.46	
	(\$/SF)			0.21		0.05		0.20			0.15	
Fill w/ Conc.	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00	21.00	30.00	16.00	12.00	13.00		17.57	0.19
	Man Hours		16	12		7.2	16	12	48		18.53	
	(\$/SF)		0.17	0.13		0.15	0.18	0.10	0.43		0.19	
Water-proof	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00	21.00	30.00	15.60	12.00	11.00		17.23	0.28
	Man Hours		16	40	57.6	4.8	8	8	32		23.77	
	(\$/SF)		0.18	0.42	0.84	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.24		0.28	
Wdw / Door Bucks	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00		30.00		12.00	13.00		17.20	0.38
	Man Hours			20		9.6		48	80		39.40	
	(\$/SF)			0.21		0.20		0.40	0.72		0.38	
Finish /Plates	Rate (\$/hr)		16.00	15.00		30.00		12.00	13.00		17.20	0.13
	Man Hours			20		2.4		15	16		13.35	
	(\$/SF)			0.21		0.05		0.13	0.14		0.13	
Total labor cost per square foot (below grade, Flat ICF wall)											2.33	

¹Converted to Cost per square foot of ICF wall

Above Grade Flat ICF Walls – Materials

This table shows the costs for standard materials used for constructing above-grade, flat-type, ICF walls. In addition, special construction costs, not necessarily related to building materials have been included. Only ten of the eighteen returned survey forms had this data filled in. This table shows the responses (if provided) from each participant. The units have been standardized and are shown with the specific material. Averages were computed with these units, and a cost per square foot of ICF wall is included to compare with standard estimating guides such as RSMMeans.

Above Grade Flat ICF Walls – Materials												
Material	Respondent Number										AVG.	Entry ¹
	1	2	4	7	8	9	11	14	16	17		
Concrete (\$/CY)	70	70	75		72	80	75	68		75	73.12	1.35
Flat ICF Forms (\$/SF)	3.19	2.32	2.93	2.24	2.50	2.62	3.00	2.94	3.50	2.15	2.74	2.74
Reinforcing Bar ² (\$/LF)	0.20	0.25			0.24		0.20	0.14		0.23	0.21	(V) 0.05 (H) 0.08
Waterproofing (\$/SF)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Anchor Bolts ³ (\$/ each)	1.00				1.00	0.75		1.20			0.99	0.03
Door and Window Buck ⁴ (\$/LF)	1.40	3.50				2.42	1.79	5.77		1.75	2.77	0.21
Parging (\$/SF)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Special Costs												
Concrete Pump (\$/SF)	0.31	0.14		0.27	0.26	0.31	0.31	0.24	0.52		0.30	0.30
Bracing and Scaffolding (\$/LF)		3.00			4.29	1.88	1.31				2.62	0.10
Engineering (\$/LF)						1.88		3.75	9.38		5.00	0.19
Total material cost per square foot (Above grade, 6-inch, Flat ICF wall)											5.05	

¹Converted to dollars per square foot of ICF wall

²#4 bar at 48" o.c. in vertical direction and 32" o.c. in horizontal direction

³Anchor bolts placed at 4' o.c.

⁴Based on 0.075 LF of buck per SF of wall

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ICFs												
Unload ICFs	Rate (\$/hr)			15.00		30.00	15.60	16.67	10.00	15.00	17.05	0.02
	Man Hours			1		4.5	1		4	1.5	2.4	
	(\$/SF)			0.01		0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	
Set Up ICFs	Rate (\$/hr)			15.00	21.00	30.00	15.60		11.00	15.00	17.93	1.03
	Man Hours			160	217.6	158.6	48		130	198	152	
	(\$/SF)			0.88	1.68	1.75	0.28		0.53	1.09	1.03	
Align ICFs	Rate (\$/hr)			15.00		30.00					22.50	0.15
	Man Hours			10							10	
	(\$/SF)			0.10		0.20					0.15	
Total ICF												1.20
Place Rebar	Rate (\$/hr)			15.00		30.00					22.50	0.13
	Man Hours			20		4.53					12.27	
	(\$/SF)			0.21		0.05					0.13	
Fill w/ Conc.	Rate (\$/hr)			15.00	21.00	30.00	15.60		11.00		18.52	0.13
	Man Hours			12	4	18.13	12		48		18.82	
	(\$/SF)			0.13	0.06	0.20	0.07		0.19		0.13	
Water-proof	Rate (\$/hr)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	Man Hours	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
	(\$/SF)	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	
Wdw / Door Bucks	Rate (\$/hr)			15.00		30.00			14.00		19.67	0.20
	Man Hours			20					32		26	
	(\$/SF)			0.21		0.21			0.17		0.20	
Elec. /Plumb	Rate (\$/hr)											0.05
	Man Hours											
	(\$/SF)					0.05					0.05	
Total labor cost per square foot (above grade, Flat ICF wall)												1.71

¹ Cost per square foot of ICF wall

CONCLUSION

The ICF construction cost estimates derived in this survey were generally higher than costs for other common construction types. Comparisons with wood construction costs, as published in the 2004 Residential Cost Data by RS Means, are shown in the tables below. For below grade use, ICF construction costs are about 38 percent higher than costs for wood foundations. For above grade walls, ICF construction costs are about double that of wood frame construction. This results in about a four percent increase in the total construction cost for a home similar to the one in the survey. However, the number of samples used to derive these values may be too low to provide a high level of confidence in this data. Many of the survey responses had not been answered, or had been inadvertently answered wrong. Therefore, some of the values presented in the final cost estimate were derived from small number of responses. It is recommended that this be used as a starting point for ICF costing data.

Below Grade Walls		
	Wood Foundation ¹	Flat ICF Wall System ²
Labor Hours ³ (hrs/ft ²)	0.057	0.139
Materials (\$/ft ²)	3.65	5.93
Installation (\$/ft ²)	2.32	2.33
Total Cost⁴ (\$/ft ²)	5.97	8.26

¹Based on 2004 Residential Cost Data by RS Means for: 2x8 treated studs at 16" o.c., double top plate, single bottom plate, 3/4" treated sheathing, 15# asphalt paper, 4 mil polyethylene vapor barrier, 9" – R30 insulation batts, and headers for openings (2% of total wall SF).

²Based on PCA survey data for: 8" flat ICF wall, reinforcing, damproofing, parging, door and window bucks (2% of total wall SF), and engineering.

³Labor hours required to construct one square foot of wall.

⁴Total cost in dollars to construct one square foot of wall.

Above Grade Walls				
	2x4 Wood Wall System ¹	2x6 Wood Wall System ²	4" Flat ICF Wall System ³	6" Flat ICF Wall System ⁴
Labor Hours ⁵ (hrs/ft ²)	0.039	0.037	0.129	0.129
Materials (\$/ft ²)	1.28	1.59	4.11	4.56
Installation (\$/ft ²)	1.78	1.70	1.81	1.81
Total Cost⁶ (\$/ft ²)	3.06	3.29	5.92	6.37

¹Based on 2004 Residential Cost Data by RS Means for: 2x4 studs at 16" o.c., double top plate, single bottom plate, let-in corner bracing, 1/2" sheathing, 3.5" – R11 insulation batts, and headers for openings (8% of total wall SF).

²Based on 2004 Residential Cost Data by RS Means for: 2x6 studs at 24" o.c., double top plate, single bottom plate, let-in corner bracing, 1/2" sheathing, 6" – R19 insulation batts, and headers for openings (8% of total wall SF).

³Based on PCA survey data for: 4" flat ICF wall, reinforcing, parging, door and window bucks.

⁴Based on PCA survey data for: 6" flat ICF wall, reinforcing, parging, door and window bucks.

⁵Labor hours required to construct one square foot of wall.

⁶Total cost in dollars to construct one square foot of wall.

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APPENDIX A – SURVEY FORM

The ICF construction costs survey used for this project is shown on the following pages.

SECTION I. General Characteristics

1. How many years have you been working with ICFs? _____

2. a. Are you a...(please check all that apply)
 - Builder/developer
 - General contractor
 - ICF sub-contractor
 - Manufacturer
 - Other _____

- b. Do you distribute ICFs? (please check one) yes no

3. Do you use ICFs in: (Check all that apply)
 - Residential construction
 - Commercial construction
 - Other _____

4. Estimate the total number of buildings you have built using ICFs? (please check all that apply and specify #)
 - Single-family _____
 - Multi-family _____
 - Commercial _____
 - Other _____

5. In the past 12 months how many of the following have you built? (please check all that apply and specify #)
 - ICF foundations/basements _____
 - ICF above grade wall homes _____
 - Frame wall homes _____

6. In which state did you construct most of your ICF houses in the year 2002?
 State: _____ Zip code: _____

7. Check the foundation type that you use, and frequency when building with ICFs:

<u>ICF Foundation Type</u>	<u>% Foundation with ICFs</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Full basement	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Crawl space	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete slab on grade	_____ %
<input type="checkbox"/> Piers or raised pilings	_____ %

8. What ICF type(s) do you typically use (check all that apply)?
 - Flat
 - Waffle Grid
 - Screen Grid
 - Post & Beam
 - Other: _____

SECTION II. Flat ICF Construction Only

Please use average data for FLAT ICF homes you built in the past 12 months.

9. What is the typical square footage of your ICF home for:
- a. Basement: _____ ft² or _____ linear feet (perimeter)
 - b. Typical stem wall height in your area? _____
 - c. Typical basement wall height? _____
 - d. Typical below grade concrete thickness? _____
 - e. Was ICF basement designed to be finished living space? _____
 - f. Typical above-grade wall height? _____
 - g. Typical above-grade wall thickness? _____

A. BELOW GRADE FLAT ICF WALLS

BELOW-GRADE MATERIAL COST

Sample Estimate- Provide your current materials and labor unit costs in the following tables-- use this data to "bid" off the attached sample house plan.

15. Do you set the footings for your foundation walls? yes no

15.a. Please fill out the following table based on the sample job:

	Sq. ft.	Quantity (number)	Cost	No. of 90° Corners			No. of 45° Corners		
				Inside	Outside	Cost	Inside	Outside	Cost
Standard Forms*									

*Including shipping cost

	Quantity Required	Item	Price/Form	Extended Cost/Form
Accessories		Height adjusters		
		End caps		
		Door and window bucks		
		Corner straps and clips		
		Bracing system		
		Scaffolds		
		Anchor bolts		

	Quantity	Item	Price/Form	Extended Cost/Form
Foundation Protection				
Parging	roll	Fiber mesh		
	bag	PrepCoat		
Concrete	Cu. yd	Concrete		
Waterproofing	Sq. ft.	Please specify:		
Rebar	Linear feet	(check one): <input type="checkbox"/> #3, <input type="checkbox"/> #4, <input type="checkbox"/> #5, <input type="checkbox"/> #6		
Miscellaneous				
	roll	1" Filament Tape		
	bag	Corner Straps & clips		
		Engineering		
		Concrete pump		
		Forklift		
		Skid steer		
		Misc.		
		Zip Ties		

<i>Labor Activity</i>	Crew (number)	Hourly rate/crew member	Productive hours	Cost/sq. ft.
Unload ICFs				
Set up ICFs (including cutting)				
Align ICF Walls				
Place re-bars				
Fill w/concrete				
Finish/apply sole plates				
Window/door bucks service penetration				
Waterproofing/damp proofing				

15.c. For Flat ICFs do you use: panel block

15.d. What is your typical rebar spacing for:

- Vertical Rebar Spacing: _____ On Center
- Horizontal Rebar Spacing: _____ On Center

For your rebar do you: order precut/bent cut/bend in field?

15e. What type of ledger board do you use?

- Wood sole plate
- extended brick ledger
- Taper top

What is the installation cost per linear foot for the one you selected above? _____

B. ABOVE GRADE FLAT ICF WALLS

Sample Estimate- Provide your current materials and labor unit costs in the following tables-- use this data to “bid” off the attached sample house plan.

17.a. Please fill out the following table based on the sample job:

	Sq. ft.	Quantity (number)	Cost	No. of 90° Corners			No. of 45° Corners		
				Inside	Outside	Cost	Inside	Outside	Cost
Standard Forms*									

*Including shipping cost

	Quantity Required	Item	Price	Extended Cost
Accessories		Height adjusters		
		End caps		
		Door and window Buck		
		Corner straps and clips		
		Bracing system		
		Scaffolds		
		Anchor bolts		
	Quantity	Item	Price	Extended Cost
Concrete	yd ³	Concrete		
Rebar	Linear feet	(check one): <input type="checkbox"/> #3, <input type="checkbox"/> #4, <input type="checkbox"/> #5, <input type="checkbox"/> #6		
Misc				
	roll	1” Filament Tape		
	bag	Corner Straps & clips		
		Engineering		
		Concrete pump		
		Forklift		
		Skid steer		
		Misc.		
		Zip Ties		

ABOVE-GRADE LABOR COST:

17.c.

Labor Activity	Crew (number)	~Hourly rate/crew member	Productive hours/sq. ft.	Cost/sq. ft.
Unload ICFs				
Set up ICFs (including cutting)				
Set Rebars				
Window/door bucks service penetrations				
Align walls				
Place concrete				
Rough electrical/plumbing				

SECTION III.

A. MATERIALS (FLAT ICFs ONLY)

18. What type of cement do you use?

- High flow concrete mix
- Portland Type I
- Plain/air entrained
- Other: _____

19. What type of bracing do you use for your flat ICF walls?

- Wood
- Manufactured Metal
- Site built Metal
- Other: _____

20. Do you use a waterproofing material? _____
 If yes, what is the cost/sq. ft.? _____

21. Do you use a termite shield? _____
 If yes, what is the cost/sq. ft.? _____

22. Are you required to use borate treated foam?
 If yes, what is the cost premium for this addition? _____

B. PREMIUMS FOR TRADE CONTRACTORS

23. What trade contractors do you use and is there a premium charged? (check all that apply and circle or specify premium(s) charged)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Siding:
Premium charged _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <1% <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5%+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing:
Premium charged _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <1% <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5%+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drywall:
Premium charged _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <1% <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5%+ | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric:
Premium charged _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <1% <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5%+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry:
Premium charged _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <1% <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5% <input type="checkbox"/> 5%+ | |

C. ICF COST ESTIMATOR

23. Do you use a computerized estimating tool? _____ (If yes, please circle method)
 Developed it yourself Provided by supplier

D. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS: WALL, FLOOR, AND ROOF STRUCTURES

24. When building with ICFs what materials do you typically use for:

- a) **Floors (check all that apply)**
 - Wood/engineered wood joists
 - Wood/engineered wood trusses
 - Light-Gauge Steel Joists
 - Light Gauge Steel trusses
 - Open web steel joists
 - Other: _____
- b) **Exterior above grade walls (check all that apply)**
 - Wood/engineered wood
 - Light-Gauge Steel
 - ICFs
 - Other: _____
- c) **Interior walls/partioned walls (check all that apply)**
 - Wood/engineered wood
 - Light-Gauge Steel
 - Other: _____
- d) **Roof trusses (check all that apply)**
 - Wood/engineered wood
 - Light-Gauge Steel
 - Other: _____

SECTION IV. REASONS YOU USE ICFs

24. For flat ICF walls, which product properties are most important to you and your customers, ranking in order from 1 to 15 (1-being most important, 15-being least important).

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency
<input type="checkbox"/> Mold/Mildew Resistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Sound/Noise management
<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Characteristics
<input type="checkbox"/> Extended home warranties
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordability (Price)
<input type="checkbox"/> Durability
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Greater need for choice/options in the homes you provide
<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster resistance (High wind and earthquakes)
<input type="checkbox"/> Termite/Rodent Resistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Recyclable, or "Green", building products
<input type="checkbox"/> Ease of handling and installation
<input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Demand
<input type="checkbox"/> Strength |
|---|--|

25. Which of the following are issues for you concerning flat ICF walls? (please check all that apply)

	Above Grade	Below Grade
Installation Training/Skilled Labor	___	___
Lack of Homeowner demand	___	___
Termite Issues	___	___
Material Cost	___	___
Code Approvals	___	___
Engineering Cost	___	___
Other (specify) _____	___	___

26. Have you ever used, or do you currently use the *Prescriptive Method for Insulating Concrete Forms in Residential Construction*?

- Frequently
 Sometimes
 No
 Never heard of it

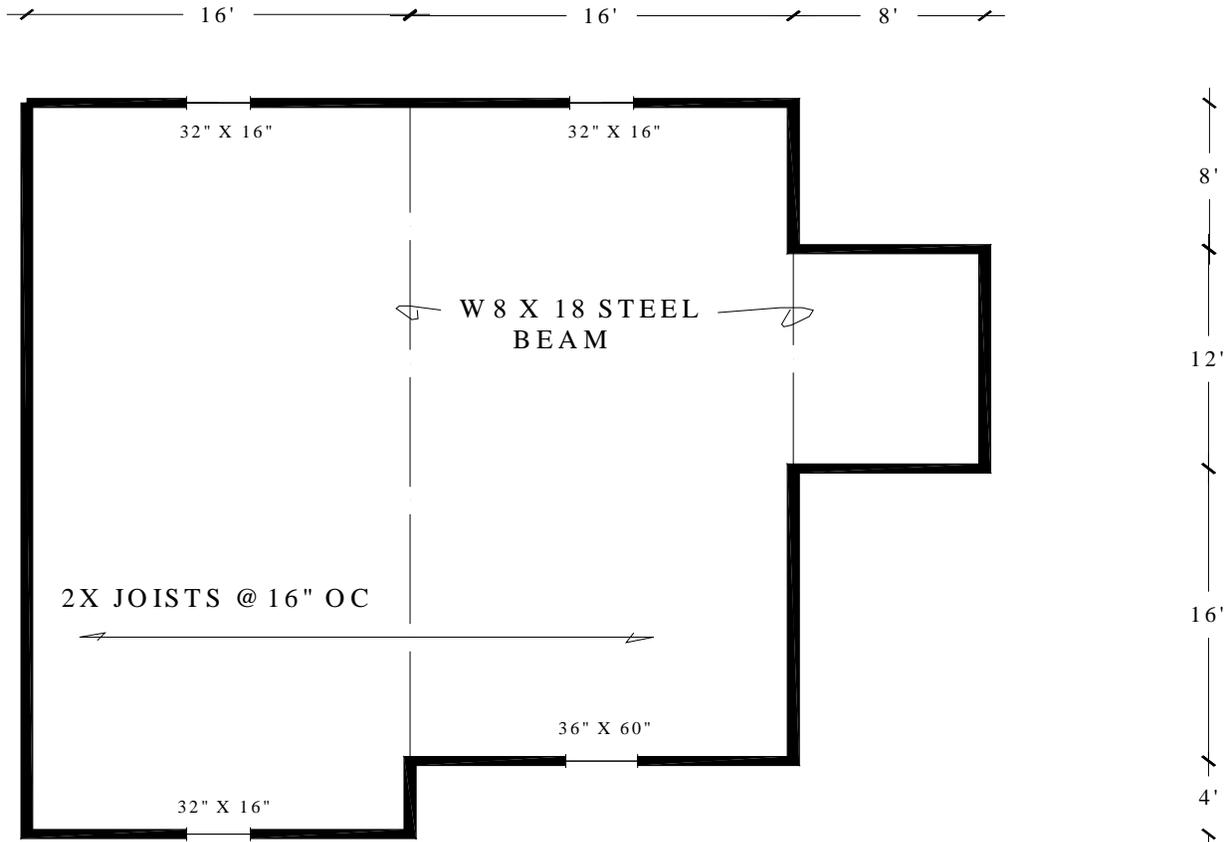
27. Do you think the current ICF provisions in the International Residential Code (2003 IRC) need improvement?

- Yes
 No
 No Opinion

If yes, what improvements are needed? _____

SAMPLE PLAN

Please Use for Cost Estimate



FOUNDATION PLAN

9' CEILING HEIGHT

WATERPROOF WALLS TO 8' ABOVE FOOTING

LINTEL DEPTH = 12"

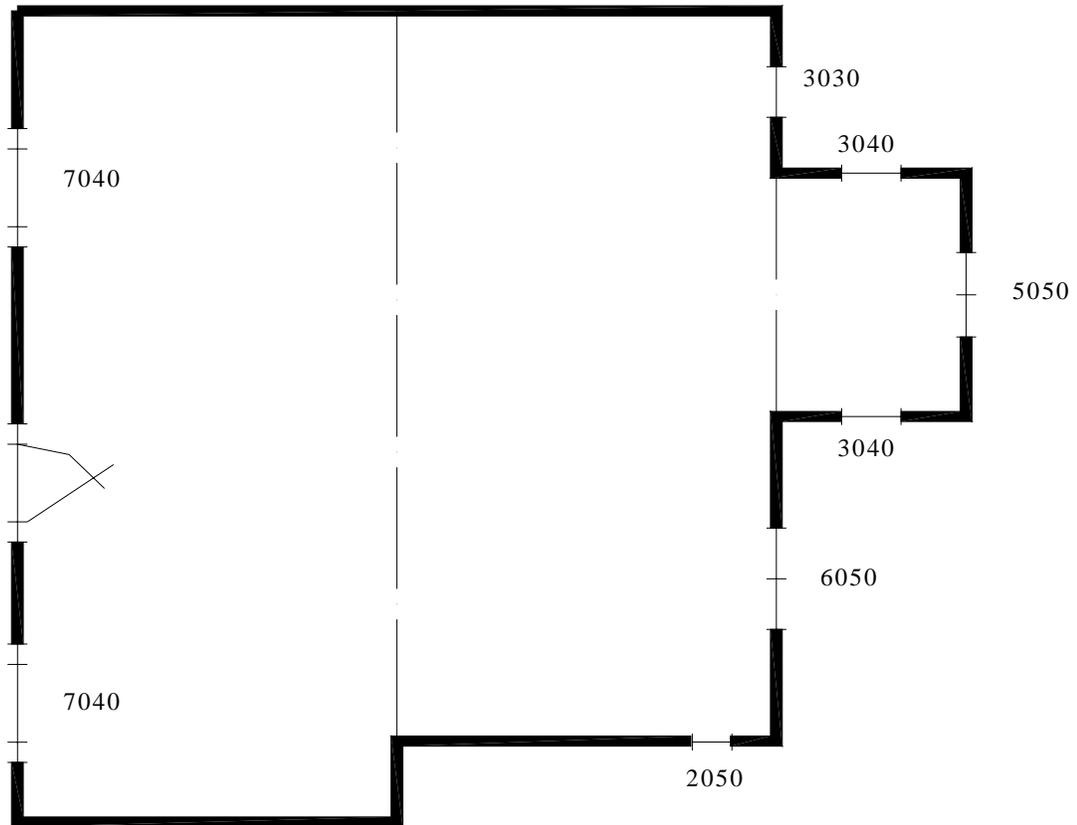
8" CONC. W/ #4 REBAR @ 24"OC VERTICAL &
#4 REBAR @ 6", 36", 72", 102" ABOVE
FOOTING (HORIZ)

CALCULATIONS

GROSS WALL SQUARE FOOTAGE = 1440

WINDOW BUCK LINEAR FOOTAGE = 38

WINDOW OPENING SQUARE FOOTAGE = 25.7



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

9' ceiling height

6" thick concrete
#4 rebar @ 48" vertical
#4 rebar @ 32" horizontal

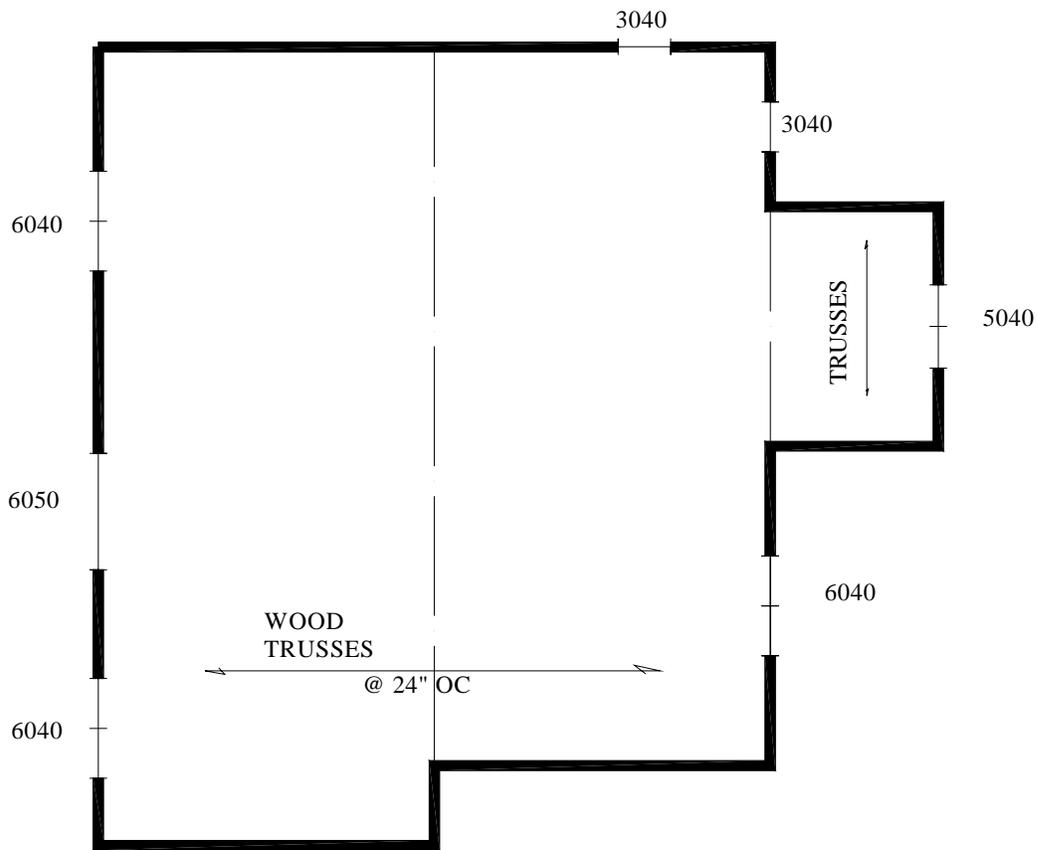
block outs (1) 14-1/2" x 24" electrical panel
(1) 4" dryer vent
(1) 3" bath fan
(1) 8" fireplace vent (through wall)

CALCULATIONS

GROSS WALL SQUARE FOOTAGE = 1440

WINDOW BUCK LINEAR FOOTAGE = 112.7

WINDOW OPENING SQUARE FOOTAGE = 108.8



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

8' ceiling height

wood gable end

4" concrete walls

block outs
(3) 3" bath fan

CALCULATIONS

GROSS WALL SQUARE FOOTAGE = 1280

WINDOW BUCK LINEAR FOOTAGE = 103.2

WINDOW OPENING SQUARE FOOTAGE = 101.4

APPENDIX B – SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

The ICF construction estimate survey was mailed to the following companies. The companies that are highlighted returned the survey to the NAHB Research Center prior to the writing of this report and were included in the construction cost estimates.

ICF Contractors			
Company Name	City	State	Res.¹
21st Century Building Systems	Palm Harbor	FL	2
A&L Eastern Agricultural Labs, Inc.	Richmond	VA	
A&S Steel Framing, Inc.	Niceville	FL	8
A.M. Enterprises	Falmouth	Maine	
ABCO Superior Built, Inc.	Coppell	TX	
ABS Supply Company	Butler	OH	
Adams Trucking & Supply, Inc.	Barboursville	WV	
Advance Foam Plastics	Denver	CO	
Advance Foam Plastics, Inc.	Murray	UT	4
Advanced ICF Products	Bend	OR	
Advantage Wall Systems, Inc.	Montreal	NC	
Alby Supply Company	Burlington	WI	
Allied Foam Products, Inc.	Gainesville	GA	
Arizona Radiant Heat Barrier/Quad-Lock SW	Tucson	AZ	
Bailey Construction Company	Metropolis	IL	
Blackhawk Southwest, Inc.	Silver City	NM	10
Bozeman Brick, Block & Tile	Bozeman	MT	
Brick & Supply Company	Appleton	WI	
Brock & Weigl Construction, Inc.	Reno	NV	5
Brock White Co.	St. Cloud	MN	
Builders Mart	Boyceville	WI	
Building Block Systems	Philomath	OR	
Canyon State Homebuilders, LLC	Prescott	AZ	
Central Concrete Inc.	Mankato	MN	
Chaney Enterprises	Waldorf	MD	
Cody Construction	Ellwood City	PA	
Columbus Coal and Lime Company	Lexington	OH	
Combs Construction Co.	Madison	IN	
Con-Core Systems	Baxter	MN	
Concrete Building Supply	Mapleton	MN	
Concrete Special Ties, Inc.	Gresham	OR	
Concrete Supply of Topeka, Inc.	Topeka	KS	
Creative Building Products, Inc.	Glen Allen	VA	13
D&W Construction of Alexandria, Inc.	Alexandria	MN	
D.L. Schmidt Companies	Oronoco	MN	
DACS Industries	St Paul	MN	
Daowaga Polysteel	Tahoe Vista	CA	
Dixie Distribution	Louisville	KY	
Drury Supply Company	Cape Girardeau	MO	
E.I. Industries, Inc.	San Jose	CA	

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ICF Contractors			
Company Name	City	State	Res.¹
E.R. Dupruis Concrete Co. & Polystell Forms	Vidor	TX	
Engineered Concrete Products, Inc.	Mt. Pleasant	SC	16
Engineered Housing Industries Inc.	Miami	FL	
Enviroclean Services	Wilmington	NC	
EPS Building Systems, LLC	Brighton	CO	
Erb Supply, LLC	Sarasota	FL	
FASTFORM Concrete Forming	Orangeville	ON	
Florida Polysteel, Inc.	Winter Garden	FL	
Foam Forming Supply	Commerce City	CO	
Force One Walls	St. Augustine	FL	
Formosa Garden Homes	Kissimmee	FL	
Gentry Commercial Contracting, Inc. (dba Gentry Builders)	Morehead City	NC	
Georgia Foam, Inc.	Gainesville	GA	
Glacier Lite-Form	Kalispell	MT	
Glossners Concrete, Inc.	Beech Creek	PA	
Goedecke Co., Inc.	Decatur	IL	
Heartland EPS	Waukegan	IL	
HiCaliber Inc.	St. George	UT	
Hi-Energy Walls	Portland	MI	
High Plains Foam Building Systems, Inc.	Berthoud	CO	
High Plains Foam Building Systems, Inc.	Berthoud	CO	
HOLDFAST Technologies, LLC	Medway	OH	
ICF Building Products, LTD.	Millfield	OH	
ICF Supply	Kimberly	WI	
ICF Technologies, Inc.	Fridley	MN	
Innovative Construction Technologies	Wichita	KS	
Insulating Concrete Homes	Oklahoma City	OK	
Insulation Solutions, Inc.	East Peoria	IL	
IntegraSpec Nebraska, LLC	Gretna	NE	
Integrated Building Products	Inglefield	IN	
Island Coast Distributors	Port Charlotte	FL	17
J.M. King Engineering Corporation	Amarillo	TX	
J.W. Bird & Co., Ltd.	Dartmouth	NS	
JEB Contractors	Hamilton	OH	
Kerr's Redi-Mix	Centre	AL	
Larison Family Builders	Martinsville	IN	
Livingston's Concrete Service, Inc.	North Highlands	CA	
Lloyd's Development Company	Malibu	CA	
Lower Columbia Reward Wall Systems	Longview	WA	

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ICF Contractors			
Company Name	City	State	Res.¹
Malone Lumber & Ready-Mix, Inc.	Malone	NY	
Manning Materials Corp.	Birdsboro	PA	
Mass Building Products, Inc.	Brimfield	MA	
MaxxBilt, Inc.	Clemson	SC	
Mid Atlantic Foam	Fredericksburg	VA	
Mike Pilley Enterprises, Inc.	Marble Falls	TX	
NAPPI, Inc.	Rockford	IL	
New York Polysteel	Amityville	NY	
Northwest Wall Systems	Bend	OR	14
NW Reward Wall Systems	Silverton	OR	
Oke Woodsmith Building Systems, Inc.	Hensall	ON	15
Panel Tech Building Systems	Miami	FL	
Paramont Ready Mix Concrete, Inc.	Sante Fe Springs	CA	
Performance Building Systems	Sugarland	TX	
Piedmont Wall Systems (aka Ingle Builders)	Iron Station	NC	1
Polycon, Inc.	Redmond	OR	
Polysteel of Minneapolis/St. Paul	Blaine	MN	
Polysteel Building Supply, Inc.	Fort Worth	TX	
Polysteel Distributing, Inc.	Richfield	UT	
Polysteel Midwest, LLC	Jacksonville	IL	
Polysteel of West Central Indiana	Lafayette	IN	
Polysteel Southeast Distributors	Toccoa	GA	
Project Net, Inc.	South St. Paul	MN	18
Quality Concrete Store	Woodburn	OR	
Quality Sytems, Inc.	Nashville	TN	
Reddi-Form ICF LLC	Bozeman	MT	9
Reddi-Wall, Inc.	Oakland	MI	
Reg Wood & Associates	Ventura	CA	
Reward Wall System of Tyler	Tyler	TX	
Reward Wall Systems of Ft. Wayne	Ft. Wayne	IN	7
Reward Wall Systems of N.M., Inc.	Santa Fe	NM	
Riefler Concrete Products	Hamburg	NY	
Robb Construction Company	Afton	VA	
Schvets Enterprises, Inc.	Burlington	WI	
Seadore Masonry, Inc.	Long Pine	NE	
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	Perkasie	PA	

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Company Name	City	State	Res.¹
Shoffner Construction, Inc.	Greentown	IN	
SIPbuilder, Inc.	Nevada City	CA	
Southern Concrete Materials, Inc.	Fletcher	NC	
Spencer Polysteel Walls	Oskaloosa	IA	
Stitt Energy Systems, Inc.	Rogers	AR	
Tara Contracting, Inc.	Greenfield	NJ	
Tech Building Systems Polysteel	Hillpoint	WI	
The Decorative Concrete Store	Cincinnati	OH	
Thermal Foams, Inc.	Buffalo	NY	
Thermal Innovations	Primghar	IA	
Tidewater Polysteel, Inc.	Virginia Beach	VA	
Transit-Mix Concrete Company	Johnson City	TN	
Tri County Insulated Building Systems Inc.	Burton	OH	
Tri-State Insulated Concrete Forms	Mabel	MN	
US Insulated Forms	Raleigh	NC	
VanHaren Insulated Concrete Forms	Farigault	MN	
Virginia Polysteel Wall Systems LLC	Harrisonburg	VA	
Vista Custom Homes, Inc. (dba Amvic)	Cedar Hill	TX	
Wagner & Sons Construction, Inc.	Ludington	MI	
Walltech Products, LLC	Petoskey	MI	
Wisconsin Insulated Forms	Brodhead	WI	
Wyoming Concrete Industries, Inc.	Wyoming	DE	

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ICF Distributors			
Company Name	City	State	Res. ¹
A. Anderson Building Systems	Petersburg	IL	
A.M. Enterprises	Falmouth	Maine	
ABCO Superior Built, Inc.	Coppell	TX	
Advanced Building Technologies, Inc.	Jupiter	FL	
Arid Resources	Elkhorn	NE	
Basement Systems, Inc.	Seymour	CT	
Baur Building Products	Cincinnati	OH	
Benn Masonry Construction, LLC	Sauquoit	NY	
Better Builders of Oregon, Inc.	Corvallis	OR	
BFJ Construction, Inc.	Palm Harbor	FL	
Block & Bean Construction	Lincoln	NE	
Blue Horse Building & Design	Dripping Springs	TX	
Bob Miller Masonry	Sarasota	FL	
Boss Building Systems (aka Ranger Concrete)	Covington	OH	
Brehmer Enterprises, LLC	Cheyenne	WY	
C & A Construction	Bloomington	IL	
Capital City Development	Columbus	OH	
Category Five Wall Systems	Baker	FL	
Classic Conservatories	Mountainside	NJ	
Combs Construction Co.	Madison	IN	
Construction PS	Grafton	IL	
Continental Homes, Inc.	Logan	UT	
Cotton's Concrete Foundations	St. Athens	PA	
Cozy Crete Construction	Oak Harbor	WA	
Custom Assembly Services, Inc.	Anderson	SC	
D.L. Schmidt Construction	Oronoco	MN	
D.O.C.'s Construction	Owatonna	MN	
Dan Thomas Builders	Winterville	NC	
Danmark East Metro Polysteel	Conyers	GA	
Dave Carr Construction, Inc.	Mount Hope	ON	
DBA J. Pirro Construction/Remodeling	Woodstock	IL	
Dee Construction Co., Inc.	State College	PA	
Derrick Builders	New Cumberland	PA	
DNC Companies	Owatonna	MN	
Doug Ripley's Inno-Craft Design ...	Tualatin	OR	
DuBrook Concrete, Inc.	Chantilly	VA	
Ed Chun Architectural & Construction	El Centro	CA	
Eggert Construction, LLC	Branford	CT	
Eker Brothers, Inc.	Albuquerque	NM	
Energy Efficient Healthy Construction Commercial/Residential	Milford	MI	

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ICF Distributors			
Company Name	City	State	Res. ¹
Energy Management & Engineering, Inc.	Libertyville	IA	
Energy Smart Solutions LLC	Arlington	TX	
Engineered Concrete, Inc.	Clemson	SC	
Eternity Building Systems, Inc.	Evans	CO	
Evans Construction Company	El Dorado Hills	CA	
Firebird Remodeling, Inc.	Glendale	AZ	
Foam-Form, Inc.	Tipton	GA	
Francis N. George, Inc. & Sons	Strykersville	NY	
Gentry Commercial Contracting, Inc. (dba Gentry Builders)	Morehead City	NC	
Greenblock of the Ozarks	Springfield	MO	
Greg Varner Contracting, Ltd.	Bridgewater	NS	
Gust Construction	Alta	WY	
Harrison Developers, LLC	Brimfield	MA	
HBR Building Supplies	Holland Landing	ON	
Howe Construction	Newaygo	MI	
ICF Builders	Richmond	ME	
ICF Builders	Chilton	TX	11
ICF Building Products	Houston	TX	
ICF Construction Company	Jacksonville	FL	
ICF Construction of MD	Hampstead	MD	
ICF Custom Building	Waubauskene	ON	
ICF North Building Solutions	Torrance	ON	
Insulated Concrete, Inc.	Lexington	NC	
Insulating Concrete Forms California	California City	CA	
Insulating Concrete Forms of Beaumont	Beaumont	TX	
John Jackson Masonry	Sacramento	CA	
JP & Sons	Bend	OR	
Kevin Phillips Construction	Cedar City	UT	
KH Construction, Inc.	Owatonna	MN	
Lucida Homes, Inc.	Port Isabel	TX	
Mass Building Products, Inc.	Brimfield	MA	
MDR Construction, Inc.	Spencerport	NY	
Medelpad Construction	Owosso	MI	
Midwest ICFs	Cridersville	OH	
Millenium Builder's Service	Summerville	SC	
Miller Homebuilders, Inc.	Hutchinson	KS	
Morton Construction	Santa Rosa	CA	3
N E L Builders	Lebanon	NH	
Nelson Concrete Homes. LLC	Middleton	WI	
New Mexico Polysteel	Farmington	NM	
Nickerson Construction	Ely	MN	

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Old World Builders, Inc.	Ivyland	PA	12
Pandion Group, Inc.	Gilbert	AZ	
Peoria County Concrete Company	Peoria	IL	
Renaissance Building Products	Ellwood City	PA	
Richlyn Construction, Inc.	Mandeville	LA	
River Oaks Builders	Searcy	AR	
RiverStone Design & Build, Inc.	Denfield	ON	
RKC, Inc.	Cincinnati	OH	
Rock Solid Walls	Margate	FL	
Scardina Builders, Inc.	San Jose	CA	
Schultz Foundations	Mapleton	MN	
Schvetz Enterprises, Inc.	Burlington	WI	
Secure Comfort Homes	New Berlin	IL	
Sellers Group	West Jordan	UT	
Sherwood Engineering & Construction	Clarksville	AR	
Simpson Burke Construction	Warrenton	VA	
StahlBeton Homes, L.P.	Houston	TX	
Standard 895 Direct	Welch	MN	
Standard ICF	Gray	ME	
Steffes Concrete Construction	Beaver Dam	WI	
Structural Resistance	Myrtle Beach	SC	
Suncon, Inc.	Alton	IL	6
Superior Built Construction	Coppell	TX	
The Pinnacle Grp. Inc.	Beckley	WV	
Thermal Concept Builders and Distributors	Colgate	WI	
Thermalwall Structures	Eden Prairie	MN	
Tim Savage Construction	Groveton	NH	
Tri City Thermo-Form, Inc.	Bay City	MI	
Universal Contractors	Northwood	IA	
Van Wieren Bros. Construction	West Winfield	NY	
Wheat City Concrete Products, Ltd.	Brandon	MB	
Zetah Construction, Inc.	Bemidji	MN	

APPENDIX C – SURVEY RESPONSE SUMMARY

The survey responses were tabulated and are shown on the following pages.

Form Costs - Below Grade										
Resp #	Sq Ft	Quantity	Cost	90 deg Corners			45 deg Corners			
				Inside	Outside	Cost	Inside	Outside	Cost	
1	5.33	172	\$18.00	21	49	\$18.00				
2										
3										
4	1440		\$4,220.00	10	10	\$415.00 ^a				
5										
6	1040	210	\$2,835.00	6	18	\$324.00	0	0	\$0.00	
7	1113	210	\$3,780.00	21	49	\$1,260.00				
8 ^b	12	93	\$32.50	60		\$16.00				
9	1408	352	\$14.50	90		Included	0	0	\$0.00	
10										
11	1012	190	\$16.00	70		\$16.00	0	0	\$0.00	
12										
13*	5.33						0	0	\$0.00	
14	5.33	218	\$16.00	70		\$16.00			\$16.00	
15*										
16	5300	1000	\$3.00	90	90	\$15.00	90	90	\$15.00	
17										
18	5.33		\$10.95							

a - Included

b - 8" wall

* - included a quote from proprietary software

Accessories - Below Grade

ITEM	Respondent																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Height Adjusters																		
Qty	0					0			0		0			0		0		
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
End Caps	0					0			0		0			0		0		
Qty																		
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Door and Window Bucks																		
Qty	38 LF					0	3	40 LF	40 LF		2/2/2.0			38 LF		40 LF		
Price Form	\$1.40						\$75.00	\$0.46			25/8/3			\$5.80		\$48.00		
Ext Cost	\$53						\$90	\$18	\$100		\$72			\$220		\$150		
Corner Straps and Clips																		
Qty	0					0		0	0		0			0				
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Bracing System																		
Qty	680 LF					? LF	60	28	30		35					40		
Price Form	\$0.40					\$0.33	\$360	1.75/day	\$10.00		2/day							
Ext Cost	\$272						\$450	\$343	\$300		\$210				\$60			
Scaffolds																		
Qty	10 sets					0	1		3									
Price Form	\$6.00						\$150.00											
Ext Cost	\$60						\$187	inc	\$60					inc				
Anchor Bolts																		
Qty	35					92	40	166			0					400		
Price Form	\$1.00					\$1.00	\$0.28	\$0.65								\$0.60		
Ext Cost	\$35						\$14	\$108								\$0.60		
Parging																		
Qty						CY	.5 rl				SF							
Price Form						\$5.00	\$55.00				\$2.00			\$65.00				
Ext Cost							\$68.00				\$240			\$130				
Concrete																		
Qty				36 CY		CY	35 CY	37 CY	54 CY		38 CY			27 CY				
Price Form				\$75.00		\$75.00	\$65.00	\$72.00	\$80.00		\$75.00			\$68.00				
Ext Cost				\$2,700			\$81	\$2,664	\$4,320		\$2,850			\$1,836				
Water Proofing																		
Qty						1040 SF	1255SF	1328SF	1280SF		1440SF			1400SF		1300SF		
Price Form						\$0	\$658	\$93			.42/.28			\$93		\$5.30		
Ext Cost							\$823	\$560	\$528		\$1,008			\$744		\$1.00		
Rebar																		
Qty						6240LF	1450LF	2202LF			1520LF			2300LF		1600LF		
Price Form						\$0.27	\$246	\$0.24			\$0.13			\$0.14		\$1.50		
Ext Cost							\$308	\$528	\$268		\$203			\$322		\$1.35		
1" Filament tape																		
Qty						0		0			0			0		6 rl		
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		\$0.01

Labor - Below Grade

Labor Activity	Respondent																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Unlaod ICFs																		
Crew (number)	3					4	2	1	2		1			3		2	3	2
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$30.00		\$15.60			\$12.00		\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Productive Hrs	0.5					1	1	1	?		1			1		4	0.5	
Cost / SF	\$30.00						\$0.01	neglig	\$0.05					\$0.03		\$0.03		
Set Up ICFs																		
Crew (number)	3					4	4	.08 x SF	3		3			3		5	3	3
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$30.00		\$15.60			\$12.00		18/15/11	\$15.00	
Productive Hrs	16					160	40		?		16			24		600	66	16
Cost / SF	\$960						\$0.42		\$1.50		\$0.52			\$0.78		\$2.00		
Align ICFs																		
Crew (number)	3					4	4	2	2		2			3		2		3
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16	\$15	\$21	\$30		\$16			\$12		15/11/		
Productive Hrs	2					160	20	1	?		1			3		4		3
Cost / SF	\$120						\$0.21		\$0.20					\$0.09		\$0.06		
Place Rebar																		
Crew (number)	3					4	4	1	1		inc			3		2		2
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16	\$15	\$21	\$30					\$12		15/11/		
Productive Hrs	2					160	20		?					24		200		3
Cost / SF	\$120						\$0.21		\$0.05					\$0.78		\$2.50		
Fill w/Concrete																		
Crew (number)	3					4	4	4 to 6	3		4			3		4		3
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16	\$15	\$21	\$30		\$16			\$12		15/11/		
Productive Hrs	4					16	12	1h/9CY	?		4			4		48		3
Cost / SF	\$240						\$0.12		\$0.15					\$0.12		\$0.25		
Finish / Sole Plt																		
Crew (number)	3					4	4		2		inc			3		2		
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16.00	\$15.00	framer	\$30.00					\$12.00		15/11/		
Productive Hrs	NA					no	20	work	?					5		8		
Cost / SF	NA						\$0.21		\$0.05					\$0.15		\$0.10		
Window /door buck																		
Crew (number)	3					4	4	100/sm	1		4			3		2		2
\$ / hr	\$60					\$16.00	\$15.00	150/lg	\$30.00		inc			\$12		15/11/		
Productive Hrs	2					no	20		?					16		80		4
Cost / SF	\$120						\$0.21		\$0.20					\$0.48		\$1.00		
Waterproofing																		
Crew (number)						4	4	4	2		4			3		2		2
\$ / hr						\$16.00	\$15.00	\$21.00	\$30.00		\$15.60			\$12.00		\$11.00		
Productive Hrs						16	40		?		2			8		16		6
Cost / SF							\$0.42	\$0.84	\$0.10					\$0.24		\$0.50		

\$2.30

Form Costs - Above Grade										
Resp #	Sq Ft	Quantity	Cost	90 deg Corners			45 deg Corners			
				Inside	Outside	Cost	Inside	Outside	Cost	
1	5.33	300	\$17.00	42	98	\$17.00				
2	2777	537	\$6,434.00	140		\$1,677.00	0	0	0	1st /2cd floors
3										
4	1440		\$4,220.00	10	10	\$415.00 ^a				
5										
6										
7	1331	170	\$2,975.00	30	70	\$1,750.00				
8 ^b	12	82	\$30.00	60		\$15.00	0	0	\$0.00	
9	2456	444	\$6,438.00	170		\$2,465.00	0	0	\$0.00	
10										
11	1332	195	\$16.00	70		\$16.00	0	0	\$0.00	
12										
13*										
14		400	\$15.65	130		\$15.65				
15*										
16	1484	280	\$5,200.00	40	30	\$850.00	0	0	\$0.00	
17	1328	168	\$2,856.00	21	49	\$1,225.00	0	0	\$0.00	
18										

a - Included
 b - 6" wall
 * - included a quote from their own software

Accessories - Above Grade

ITEM	Respondent																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Height Adjusters																		
Qty	0	0								0			0		0			
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
End Caps																		
Qty	0	0								0			0		0			
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Door and Window Bucks																		
Qty	320	216					7	270LF	220		10/6/2025		215		20	113 LF		
Price Form	\$1.40	\$3.50					\$203	\$0.46			25/8/35		\$5.80		\$1,000	\$1.75		
Ext Cost	\$448	\$755					\$254	\$125	\$533		\$386		\$1,247		\$2,000	\$197		
Corner Straps and Clips																		
Qty	0	0					0			0			0		0			
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Bracing System																		
Qty	ru	53					ru	28	30		35					inc	33	
Price Form		\$8.00						\$1.75	\$10.00									\$1.50
Ext Cost	\$0	\$480						\$686	\$300		\$210							\$50
Scaffolds																		
Qty	ru	0					inc	3		54			45			25		
Price Form									\$20.00				\$2.00					\$1.00
Ext Cost	\$0								\$60		\$45		\$180					\$25
Anchor Bolts																		
Qty	70	0					0	83/166	50				60		50			
Price Form	\$1.00							1.35/.65	\$0.75				\$1.20					
Ext Cost	\$70							\$220	\$38				\$72		\$100			
Parging																		
Qty																		
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Concrete																		
Qty	46 CY	36.9CY		27 CY			27.6CY	40 CY	42 CY					51 CY		24 CY	26 CY	
Price Form	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$100	\$75.00			\$1,794	\$72.00	\$80.00		\$75.00		\$68.00		\$1,680	\$75.00		
Ext Cost	\$3,220	\$2,581		\$2,025			\$2,243	\$2,880	\$3,360		\$2,055		\$3,468		\$3,500	\$1,950		
Water Proofing																		
Qty																		
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Rebar																		
Qty	1800LF	1868LF					1050LF	4160LF	2456SF		1200				2400	2142		
Price Form	\$0.20	\$0.25					\$178	\$0.24			\$0.20			\$0.14	\$250	\$0.23		
Ext Cost	\$360	\$467					\$223	\$998	\$442		\$240			\$970	\$500	\$493		

Accessories - Above Grade

1" Filament tape																		
Qty	0	1					0			0			0			6		
Price Form										0						24		
Ext Cost		inc								0						\$48.00		
Corner Straps and Clips																		
Qty	0	1					0						0					
Price Form																		
Ext Cost		inc																
Engineering																		
Qty	0	0								0			1		1200			
Price Form													\$600					
Ext Cost							\$5,000	\$300					\$600		\$1,500			
Concrete Pump																		
Qty	2	4 hrs			5 hr	8 hrs							2				3	
Price Form	\$450	\$100			\$625	\$95							\$350		\$1,000	\$90		
Ext Cost	\$900	\$400			\$781	\$760	\$900		\$900				\$700		\$1,500	\$225		
Forklift																		
Qty	0	0					0			0			0					
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Skid Steer																		
Qty	0	0					0			0			0					
Price Form																		
Ext Cost																		
Misc		adhes			foam				fast				glue					
Qty	2	2											8					
Price Form	\$150	\$10			\$100	\$0.10							\$13					
Ext Cost	\$300	\$20			\$125			\$500					\$104					
Zip Ties																		
Qty	0	1					0			0			0				50	
Price Form																	0.08	
Ext Cost		inc															\$4.00	

Labor - Above Grade

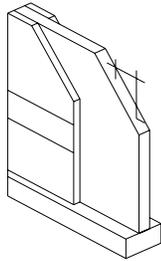
Labor Activity	Respondent																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Unload ICFs																		
Crew (number)	3	3 to 4					2		2		1			3		2	3	
\$ / hr	\$60	8 to 20					\$15.00		\$30.00		\$15.60			\$50.00		\$10.00	\$15.00	
Productive Hrs	0.5	?					1		?		1			1		2	0.5	
Cost / SF	\$30.00	\$2.50					\$0.01		\$0.05					\$0.01		\$0.03		
Set Up ICFs																		
Crew (number)	3	3 to 4					4	4	3		3			3		4	3	
\$ / hr	\$60	8 to 20					\$15.00	\$21.00	\$30.00		\$15.60			\$50.00		\$11.00	\$15.00	
Productive Hrs	40	?					40	0.08	?		16			40		130	66	
Cost / SF	\$2,400	\$2.50					\$0.42	\$1.68	\$1.75					\$0.40		\$1.80		
Set Rebar																		
Crew (number)	3	3 to 4					4		1		inc			3				
\$ / hr	\$60	8 to 20					\$15	inc	\$30					\$50				
Productive Hrs	3	?					20		?					40				
Cost / SF	\$180	\$2.50					\$0.21		\$0.05					\$0.40				
Window /door buck																		
Crew (number)	3	3 to 4					4		1		inc			3		2		
\$ / hr	\$60	8 to 20					\$15	inc	\$30					\$50		\$14		
Productive Hrs	5	?					20		?					24		32		
Cost / SF	\$300	\$2.50					\$0.21		\$0.20					\$0.24		\$0.20		
Align Walls																		
Crew (number)	3	3 to 4					4		2		inc			3		2		
\$ / hr	\$60	8 to 20					\$15	inc	\$30					\$50		\$2		
Productive Hrs	4	?					10		?					5		4		
Cost / SF	\$240	\$2.50					\$0.10		\$0.20					\$0.05		\$0.05		
Place Concrete																		
Crew (number)	3	3 to 4					4	4	3		3			3		4		
\$ / hr	\$60	8 to 20					\$15.00	\$21.00	\$30.00		\$15.60			\$50.00		\$11.00		
Productive Hrs	8	?					12	1	?		4			10		48		
Cost / SF	\$480	\$2.50					\$0.12	\$0.24	\$0.20					\$0.10		\$0.06		
Rough Elec/Plumb																		
Crew (number)	3						2		1									
\$ / hr	\$60						\$35.00	?	\$40.00					none				
Productive Hrs	1						50		?									
Cost / SF	\$60						\$1.21		\$0.05							\$0.01		

APPENDIX D – ICF COSTS (RSMeans FORMAT)

The following pages show the ICF cost information in a format that that of RSMeans for estimating costs of building assemblies.

2 | FOUNDATIONS

FLAT Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) Wall Systems



System Description	Quan.	Unit	Labor Hrs	Cost per S.F.		
				Material	Inst	TOTAL
Concrete, 8" thick, 2500 psi	0.024	CY	0.013	1.80	0.19	1.99
ICFs	0.1875	Ea	0.061	3.13	1.20	4.33
Reinforcing (#4 Bar)						
Vertical @24"o.c.	0.5	LF	0.006	0.10	0.08	0.18
Horizontal @36" o.c.	0.33	LF	0.006	0.07	0.07	0.14
Concrete Pump		Hr				0.38
Waterproofing (to 8' above footing)	1	SF	0.017	0.54	0.28	0.82
Anchor Bolts, 1/2" diamter, 4' o.c.	0.03	Ea		0.02		0.02
Door and Window Bucks ¹	0.027	LF	0.027	0.09	0.38	0.47
Bracing System		Ea				0.22
Parging	1	SF	0.009	0.20	0.13	0.33
Engineering		Hr				0.16

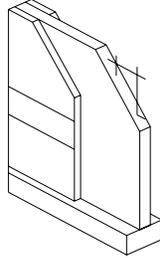
TOTAL

SF	0.139	5.95	2.33	9.04
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1. Based on 0.027 LF of WB per SQ ft

2 | WALLS

FLAT Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) Wall Systems



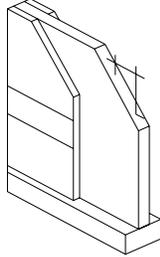
System Description	Quan.	Unit	Labor Hrs	Cost per S.F.		
				Material	Inst	TOTAL
Concrete, 6" thick, 2500 psi	0.018	CY	0.013	1.35	0.13	1.48
ICFs	0.1875	Ea	0.060	2.74	1.20	3.94
Reinforcing (#4 Bar)						
Vertical @48" o.c.	0.25	LF	0.002	0.05	0.06	0.11
Horizontal @32" o.c.	0.375	LF	0.003	0.08	0.07	0.15
Concrete Pump		Hr				0.30
Rough Electric / Plumbing			0.015		0.05	0.05
Anchor Bolts, 1/2" diameter	0.03	Ea		0.03		0.03
Door and Window Bucks ¹	0.078	LF	0.027	0.21	0.20	0.41
Bracing System		Ea				0.10
Parging	1	SF	0.009	0.10	0.10	0.20
Engineering		Hr				0.19

TOTAL

SF	0.129	4.56	1.81	6.96
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2 | WALLS

FLAT Insulated Concrete Form (ICF) Wall Systems



System Description	Quan.	Unit	Labor Hrs	Cost per S.F.		
				Material	Inst	TOTAL
Concrete, 4" thick, 2500 psi	0.012	CY	0.013	0.90	0.13	1.03
ICFs	0.1875	Ea	0.060	2.74	1.20	3.94
Reinforcing (#4 Bar)						
Vertical @48" o.c.	0.25	LF	0.002	0.05	0.06	0.11
Horizontal @32" o.c.	0.375	LF	0.003	0.08	0.07	0.15
Concrete Pump		Hr				0.30
Rough Electric / Plumbing			0.015		0.05	0.04
Anchor Bolts, 1/2" diameter	0.03	Ea		0.03		0.03
Door and Window Bucks ¹	0.072	LF	0.027	0.21	0.20	0.41
Bracing System		Ea				0.10
Parging	1	SF	0.009	0.10	0.10	0.20
Engineering		Hr				0.19

TOTAL

SF	0.129	4.11	1.81	6.5
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