Many changes have occurred recently in the concrete masonry unit business: The changes to ASTM C90, the utilization of masonry mass wall and U values in COMcheck as well as development of NCMA’s Direct Design software. But, September 4th the implementation in Virginia of the IBC 2015 codes will be significant.

Typically a change in building codes is not a big deal for block producers. But the new IBC 2015 impacts structural masonry construction in such a big way we view it as a game changer. The new Code increases f’m by 33% from 1,500 psi to 2,000 psi. Once embraced, this change drives out rebar spacing by as much as 50%, reduces the amount of grout, and greatly increases mason productivity. The result, a superior wall system that is ultra competitive.

Given the magnitude of these changes, The Virginia Members of the Southeast Concrete Masonry Association have pulled together industry experts to elaborate on the positive impact these changes have on the design and economic benefit.
SPEAKER TOPICS

EVOLUTION OF CMU - (1 CEU)
JASON THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF NCMA ENGINEERING

- IBC 2015 F’m
- ASTM C90 Web Revisions
- Design Implications with New IBC 2015
- Unit Strength Recalibration Using F’m
- Structural Impacts

ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE - (1 CEU)
BOB SULLIVAN, DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES; CFIFOAM

- R-U Understanding
- COMcheck
- The Cure for Fat Walls

STUDY OF INITIAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION MULTI-RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES - (1 CEU)
WALTER SCHNEIDER III, PH.D., CBO, MCP, CFO

- Construction Cost Model
- Fire Code
- Comparative Study of Common Multi-Family Residential Building

BUILDING DESIGN & THE BUILDING CODE OFFICIAL - (1 CEU)
WALTER SCHNEIDER III, PH.D., CBO, MCP, CFO

- Design Decisions
- Significant Project Challenges
- Potential Solutions to the Problem
- Overcoming Project Challenges during permitting & construction

MODEL DRIVEN CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN FOR MASONRY - (1 CEU)
TOM CUNEIO, PRESIDENT 3DIQ
JASON THOMPSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERING NCMA

- Masonry Modeling
- Bonding and Layout of Masonry
- Automated Masonry Sections
- Select Code Basis Options Ranging from 2006-2015 IBC
- Strength Design Methodologies
- Multiple Outlet Options Including Code-Referenced Design Calculations and Axial Load/Moment Capacity Interaction Diagrams
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Vice President of Engineering, NCMA

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**TOM CUNEIO**  
President, 3DiQ  

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