

Illinois Structural Masonry Coalition



MASON CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION OF GREATER CHICAGO



About the ISMC

The Illinois Structural Masonry Coalition (ISMC) is an alliance of masonry organizations working together to encourage the use of structural masonry by providing resources and design support to the architectural and engineering community in Illinois. The Coalition is founded on the belief that one system — **MASONRY**—provides the designers tremendous design flexibility; that structural masonry is a key component to sustainable design; and that the economy of materials realized by the use of structural masonry can result in economic benefits.

The Coalition seeks to be a resource to Illinois' architects and engineers by providing design assistance, technical service and in some cases project-specific consultation and hands-on training in masonry design software. Our collective goal is to help Illinois architects and engineers design buildings that are innovative and meet current code requirements and design objectives while taking full advantage of the efficiencies of structural masonry.

For more information, contact the Illinois Structural Masonry Coalition via International Masonry Institute (IMI) - Jeff Diqui at 1-800-464-0988, or jdiqui@imiweb.org, or Gary Porter at Masonry Advisory Council at 847-297-6704 or gporter@masonryadvisorycouncil.org.

Support for Architects & Engineers

- Review areas of design that currently use structural masonry.
- Identify areas where structural masonry could optimize design.
- Review and comment on structural masonry details, notes and specifications.
- Discuss how to use structural masonry software (including finite element analysis) to create optimized structural solutions that are economical, readily available and expedient.

