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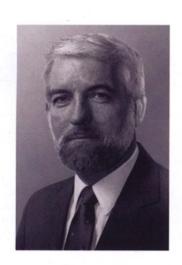
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The impending millennium presents us with the opportunity to not only step back and reflect on how building construction has changed to ensure safe and affordable housing for our citizens but also to speculate on how it is likely to change in the 21st Century. Sustainable materials and methods of construction offer practical options to conventional methods of building, and Building Standards has attempted to present them in such a way that they will be seen by the general public as rational, perhaps even inevitable, alternatives.

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