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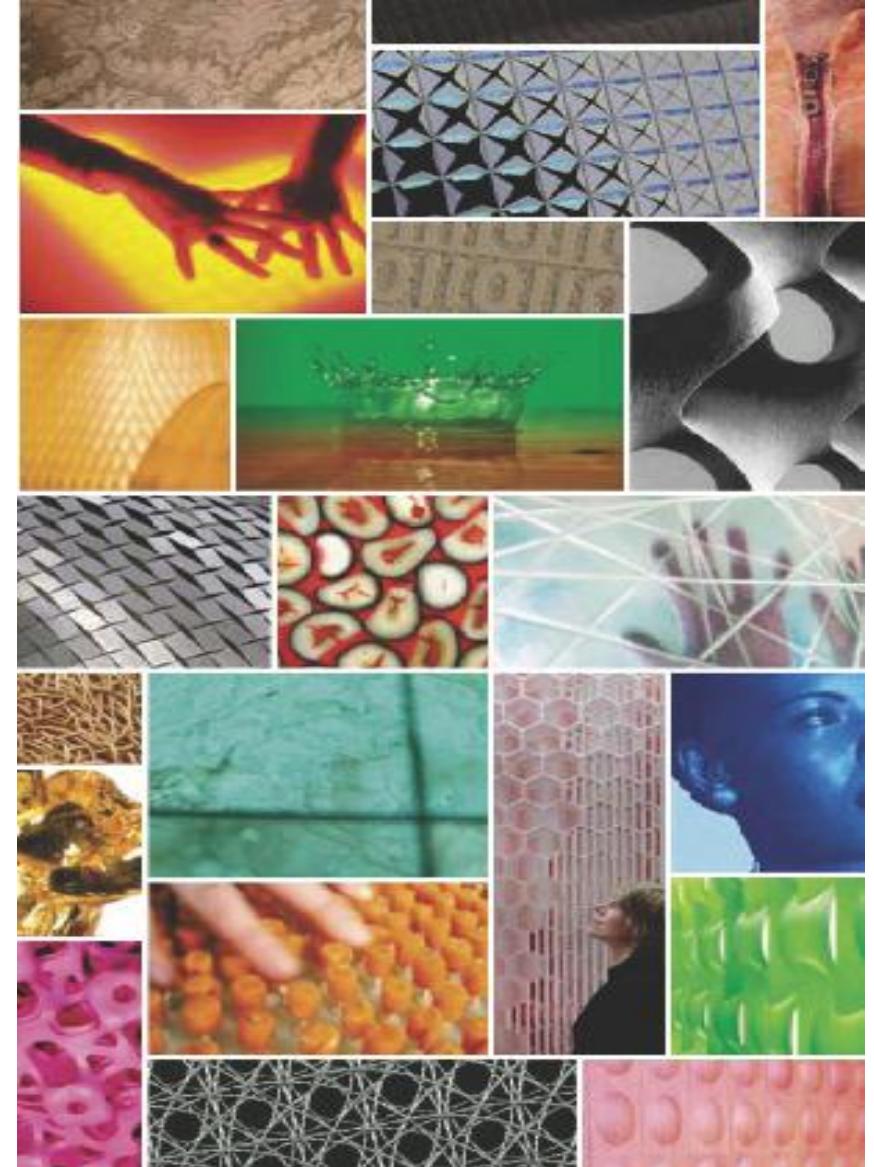
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U.S. Department of Homeland Security



Advanced Materials Program

- **Increase** the performance of critical infrastructure and buildings by optimizing:
 - Blast protection
 - Energy efficiency
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Corrosion and fatigue
 - Stand the test of time and degradation
 - Multi-hazard/resiliency
 - Operational maximization and misuse



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Blast and Urban Canyons

- **Evaluate** airblast pressures in the Financial District of NYC caused by an explosive/IED attack
- **Prevent** structures from collapsing and limiting the damage to targeted and adjacent structures
- **Develop** an emergency evaluation, rescue and recovery model
- **Develop** manual to help blast engineers calculate blast loads in dense urban environments
- **Develop** a computational tool to quickly calculate structural responses to a range of explosives



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**Blast Load Effects in
Urban Canyons:**

A New York City Study

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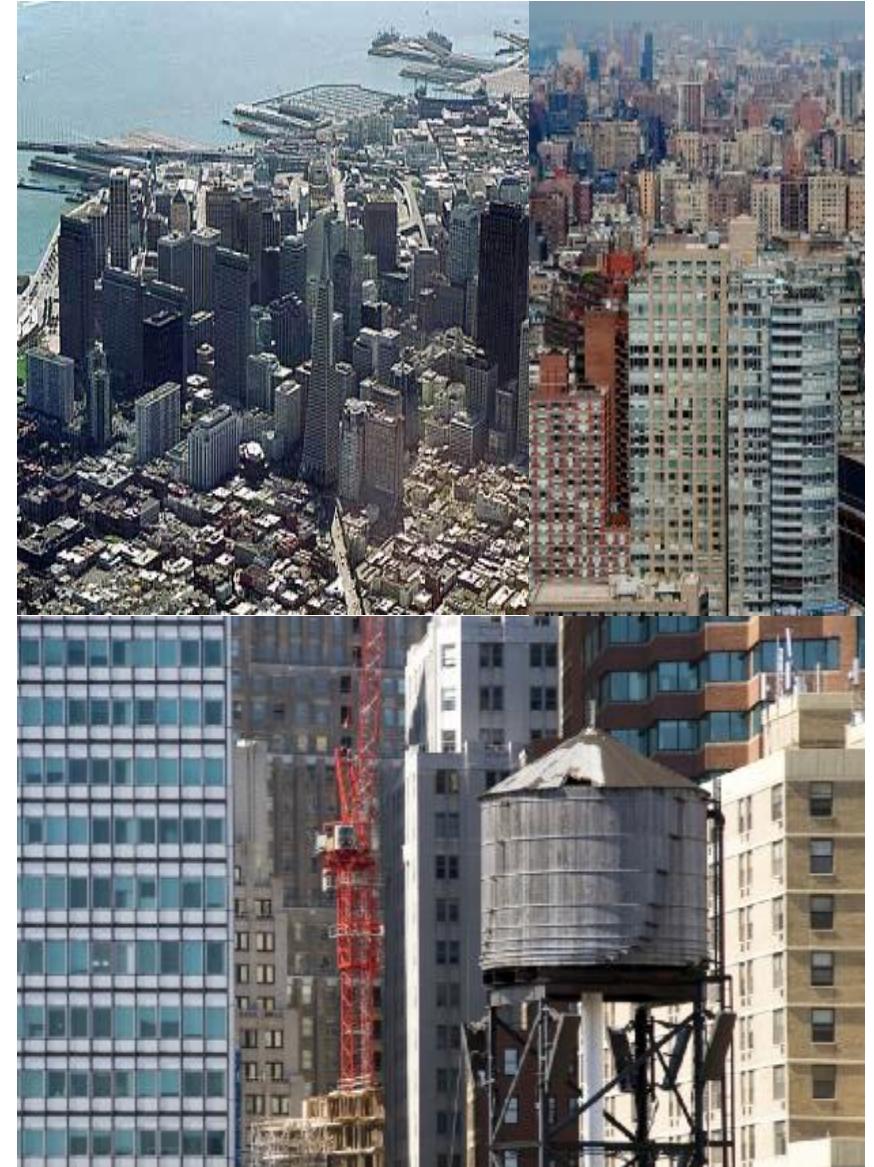
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Stabilization of Buildings

The Research Agenda includes the following:

- **Structural Evaluation** – performed by sensors installed pre-disaster or deployed in the aftermath of the event
- **Rapid Risk Assessment** – performed post-disaster in order to expand the understanding of the damage



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Stabilization of Buildings

- **Understand** innovative concepts, materials and deployable technology systems
 - Involvement with universities, labs, researchers, federal agencies, associations, industry, international partners, buildings owners, first responders and building designers



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SEE High Performance Solutions

- **Push** forward an agenda that includes blast-resistance and security issues as the Nation's building stock is transformed to comply with EISA 2007
- **Establish** a council that serves as an authoritative source of knowledge comprised of public sector members, researchers, designers, associations, and industry

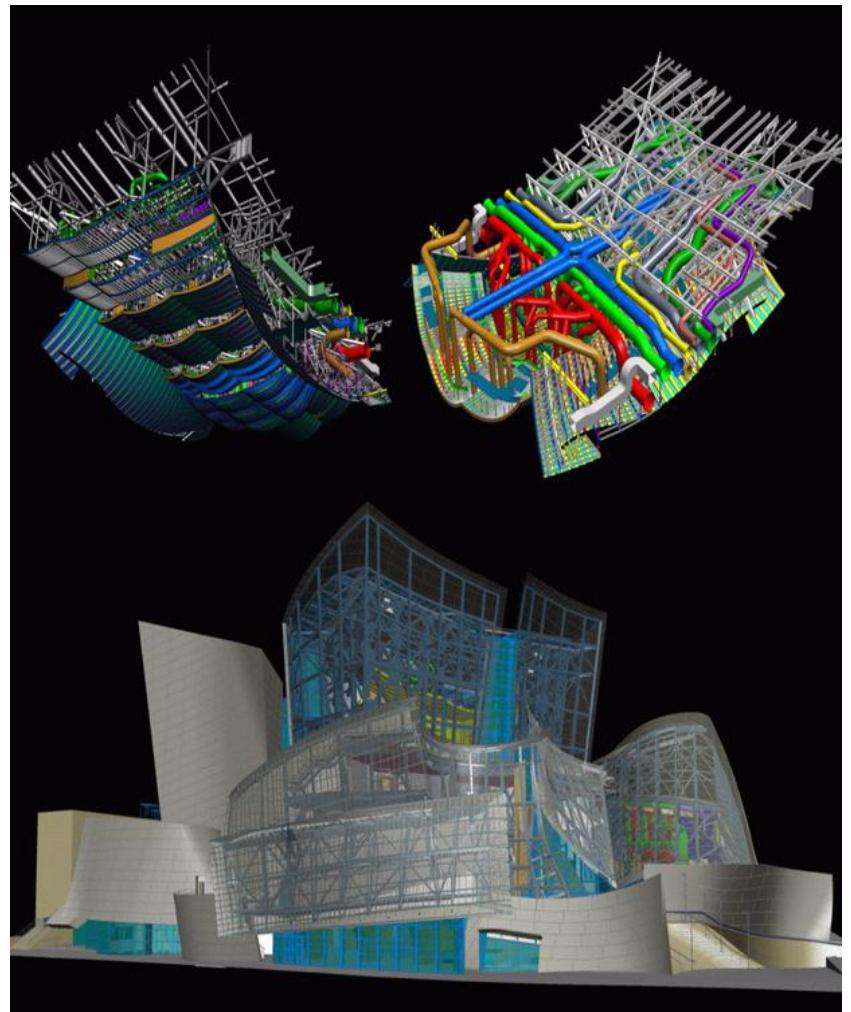


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SEE High Performance Solutions

- **Promote** integrated design and reduce cost of operation and maintenance, increase asset protection, and increase community resilience
- **Conduct** testing in advanced performance materials with the collaboration of ERDC and other national laboratories and universities



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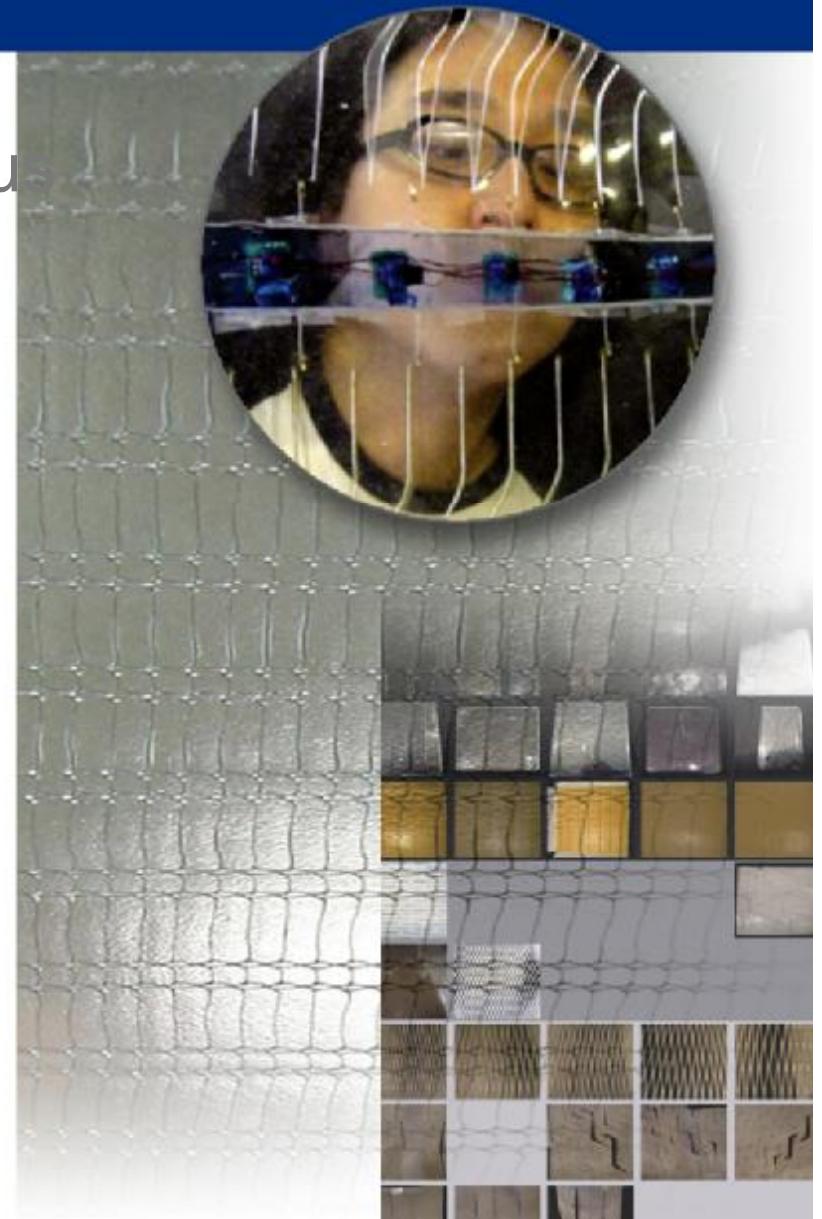
SEE High Performance Solutions

- **Create** a database that will focus on collecting innovative high performance building envelope materials
- **Provide** technology transfer of new advanced systems into the public and private sectors by disseminating integrated concepts that facilitate the adoption of security measures, as well as all EISA attributes



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Ultra-High Performance Concrete

- **Conduct** basic research and testing of materials such as ultra-high performance concretes, ceramics, foams, layered composites, woven and nano-enabled materials
- ERDC, Oak Ridge National Lab, and MIT (possible collaboration)

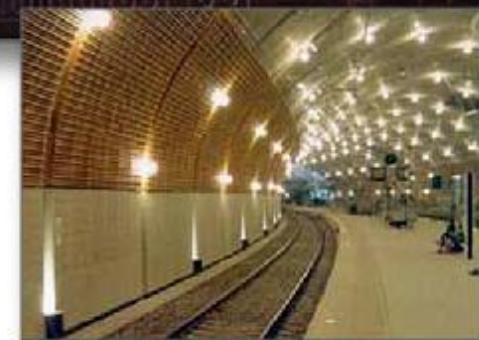


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Ultra-High Performance Concrete

- **Prepare** report on the current state of the art for use of advanced material to counter IED effects



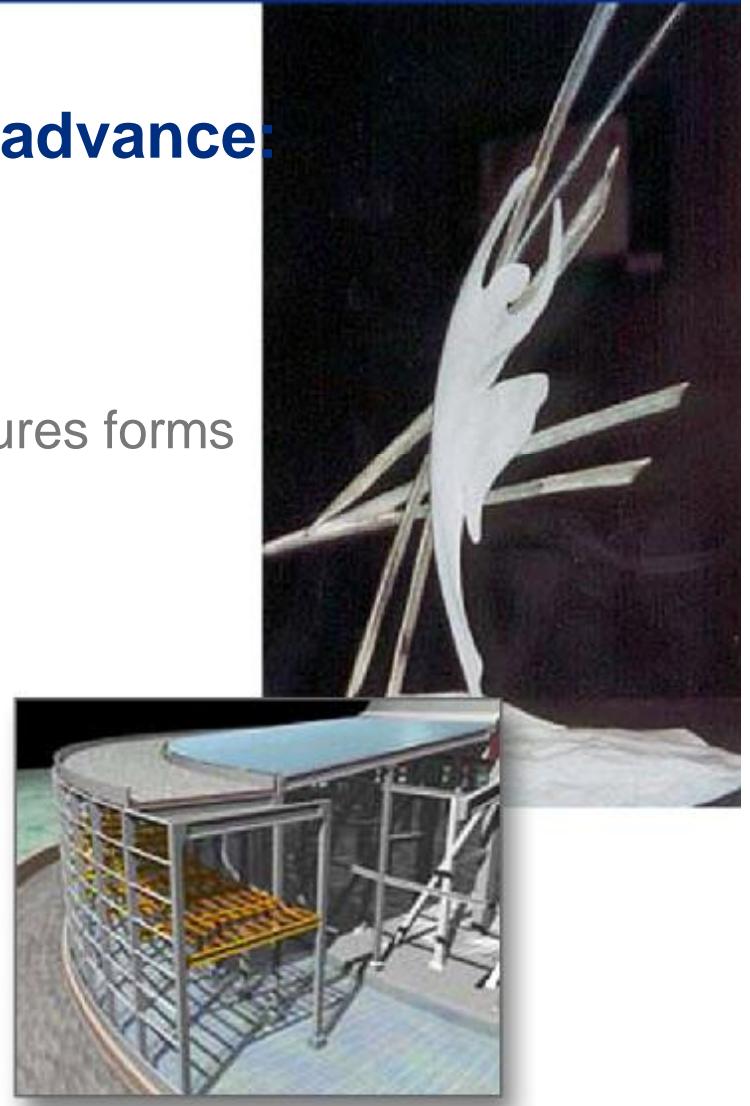
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Ultra-High Performance Concrete

Conduct research in UHPC/RPC to advance:

- Ultra high strength
- Ductility, flexibility
- Toughness, Impact resistance
- Ability to built in thin and complex structures forms
- Durability
- Impermeability
- Freeze/thaw resistance
- Corrosion resistance
- Abrasion resistance
- Aggressive environment resistance
- Chemical resistance



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First ultra-thin-shelled canopy system (2003), Alberta Canada



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Special Projects

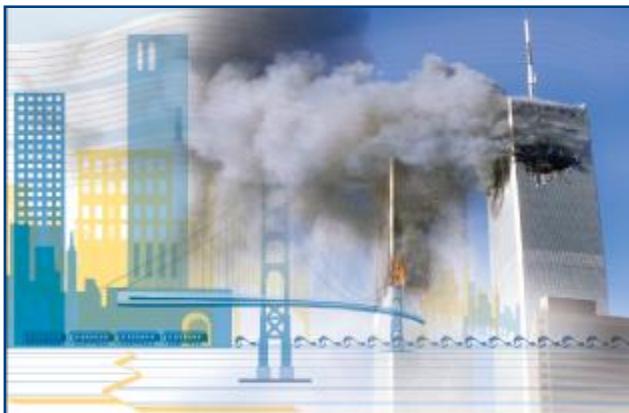
Workshops:

- US-UK Bridges, Tunnels, and Stadia/ URS
- Aging Infrastructure/Columbia University
- Protection of Infrastructure and First Responder Technology/ Sweden
- Advanced Materials/Singapore
- Stabilization of Buildings/ERDC
- DHS Risk Assessments Pilot Projects/Sweden
- Security, Energy, and Environment/ NIBS



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Publication Updates



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Reference Manual

to Mitigate Potential Terrorist Attacks
Against Buildings

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Instructor Guide

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in Case of Terrorist Attacks

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Aging Infrastructure:

Issues, Research, and Technology

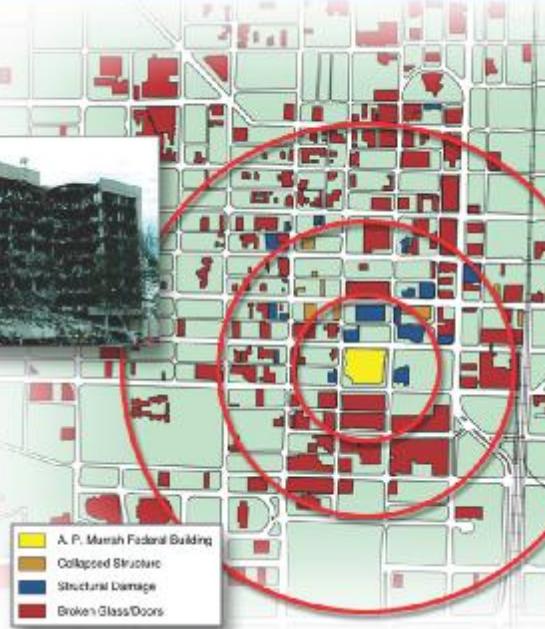
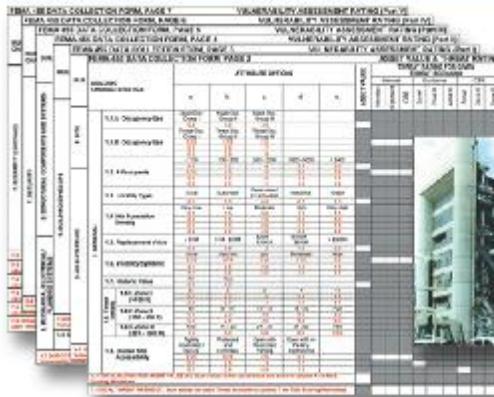
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Rapid Visual Screening

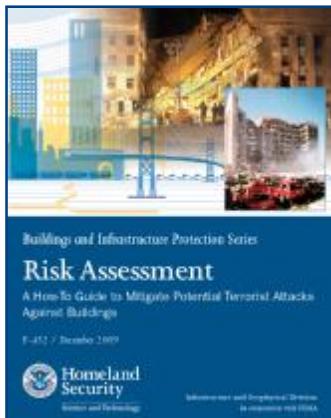
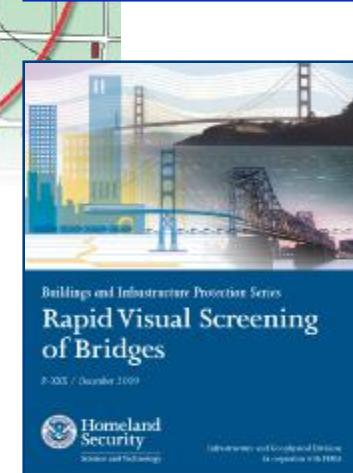
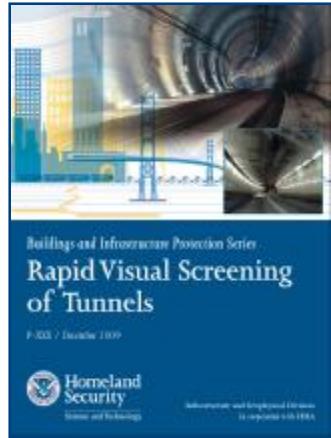
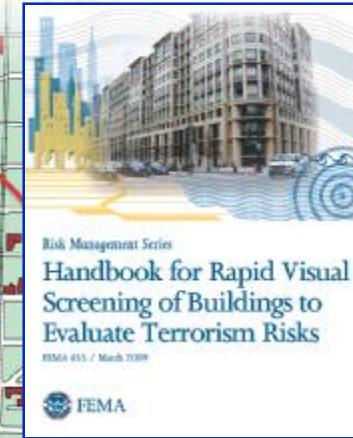


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Moderate Less than 600

Height above 600

Maximum number of points = 1000



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Rapid Visual Screening

RVS Catalogues:

- The RVS catalogues are critical elements in performing RVS assessments. They explain, in detail, all questions being asked in the forms/database



RVS Database



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Rapid Visual Screening

- Assessments are based on features that can be observed during a visual inspection including:
 - Exterior
 - Selected interior areas
- Assessments can be completed in a few hours or as much as 2 days
- Designed to be conducted by one or two screeners
- Knowledge is embedded in the tool
- Assessors require limited expertise



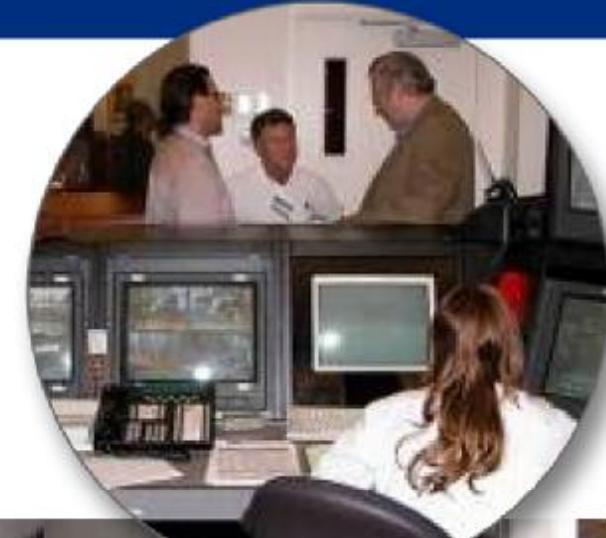
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Rapid Visual Screening

Audience

- Engineers, architects, and other design professionals
- City, county, and state officials
- Emergency managers
- Law enforcement agencies
- Lenders
- Insurers
- Building owners/operators
- Facility managers
- Security consultants



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Conclusions

- IGD is carrying out a series of projects that will be beneficial for high performance buildings and systems
- These projects will increase the performance of private and public sector buildings
- The collaboration of both Sectors is essential for expanding security and advancing and integrating design





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