



procedures which are the result of change in policy, regulation or stature. In addition, many of the reference standards have been updated to reflect current construction products in use today.

#### Chapter 1 - Introduction

Chapter 1 provides a statement of policy that requires the use of this handbook under specific programs administered by the Department. This chapter also relates to the requirements for multi-family and care type housing as well as housing for the elderly. In addition, requirements for accessibility for the physically handicapped have been added in this chapter to comply with the requirements of the fair housing act.

#### Chapter 2 - General Acceptable Criteria

Chapter 2 deals with criteria for the property, i.e. streets, utilities and access.

#### Chapter 3 - Site Design

Chapter 3 cover the requirements for on site design that relates to the building design, location on the property, ground water, yards, grading, walks, parking etc.

#### Chapter 4 - Building Design

Chapter 4 deals with the building design. It covers such items as space planning, access, circulation, stairs, elevators, ventilation etc.

#### Chapter 5 - Materials

Chapter 5 illustrates the kind and quality of materials acceptable to ensure durability, economy, resistance to weather and moisture, corrosion and fire etc.

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#### Chapter 6 - Construction

Chapter 6 deals with the requirements for the building construction from the site development to the actual materials used for construction. It also includes such items as elevators, water and sewer supply, various mechanical items, including energy and swimming pools.

The Appendices, "A" through "K" are a part of this MPS and are intended to be used accordingly.

Appendix - A - Represents definitions of various terms used throughout the text of the MPS.

Appendix - B - Represents an updated listing of acronyms and organizations or terms used in the MPS.

Appendix - C - Represents an updated listing of acceptable materials reference standards.

Appendix - D - Represents test procedures and performance criteria considered acceptable for testing various construction materials.

Appendix - E - Represents an updated lists of acceptable engineering practice standards.

Appendix - F - Represents a listing of Use of Material bulletins on products that HUD engineers have investigated and found their performance to be acceptable.

Appendix - G - Represents "SI" ( Metric ) conversion units.

Appendix - H - Is a current listing of various organizations that develop and make available material standards that are referenced in the MPS.

Appendix - I - Represents rules to be followed for HUD programs for Multi-Family and Care type housing projects where local or model codes are used for construction.

Appendix - J - Represents model code provisions to be used in conjunction with an area code having a partially accepted code.

Appendix - K - Represents rules to be followed for HUD programs for One and Two Family housing projects where local or model codes are used. Updates HUD flood hazard exposures to conform with FEMA requirements under the National Flood Insurance Program.

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