

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL
AND
THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR WIND ENGINEERING
August 26, 1998

WHEREAS the Applied Technology Council (ATC) and the American Association for Wind Engineering (AAWE) each have as a common goal the protection of life and property from the effects of wind hazards, and;

WHEREAS each of the organizations is a non-profit tax-exempt organization without proprietary interest, and;

WHEREAS each organization possesses special skills which when utilized in conjunction with each other give the potential to optimize the impact on the improvement of wind hazard mitigation technology, and;

WHEREAS ATC identifies and develops state-of-the-art engineering resources and applications for use by design professionals, develops consensus opinions on natural disaster mitigation issues, and has extensive experience in managing complex technical projects involving senior-level structural engineering design professionals and researchers, and;

WHEREAS the purpose of AAWE is to promote and perform wind engineering research and education , and AAWE membership consists of researchers and design professionals, and;

WHEREAS there is an urgent public need for improved techniques and procedures in Wind Engineering based upon adequate research, and;

WHEREAS there is an urgent technical need for systematic documentation of the effects of wind storms on the built environment, including correlations of wind speed, building system attributes and building performance, and;

WHEREAS many such developments could be most effectively accomplished by a joint effort of ATC and AAWE, NOW THEREFORE;

BE IT RESOLVED that the ATC and AAWE agree in principle to jointly seek and perform wind engineering research and application projects, including post-wind storm reconnaissance investigations, that are consistent with the governing rules and policies of each organization, further;

BE IT RESOLVED that while this memorandum promotes joint participation and encourages joint projects, nothing shall prohibit either party from independently seeking and conducting projects.

for ATC
Charles H. Thornton, President



for AAWE
Michael P. Gaus, President

