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2011 “1st Runner Up” Unlimited Residential

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Interesting Facts

Location: North Indian Beach, DE
Completion Date: June 2011
Building Size (Total): 7,100sqft
Quad-Lock Walls: 7,000sqft
% of Exterior Walls: 100%
Quad-Deck: 2600sqft Roof Deck
ICF Installation Time: 2 months
Total Construction Time: 11 months
Wall Bracing: Panel Jacks
Exterior: Stucco
Waterproofing: Enkadrain
The Design Vision

Turnstone Builders envisioned a custom-built, high-end home that would demonstrate how the challenges and risks of building in coastal areas can be mitigated by using insulating concrete form building systems. With varying angled walls on each level and multiple corners, this home was not a ‘run-of-the-mill’ box. Quad-Lock allowed for all of these unique design elements to be constructed on site with no special order components. With the use of 20ft pilings, steel beams and rebar varying from No. 4 to No. 8, Quad-Lock was easily adapted to integrate with these design specifications. The developers were also able to downsize the HVAC by 40%, another benefit of ICF construction.

“We chose Quad-Lock because of the complexity of the house. It is a very versatile product and as far as doing the angles, the changes in the wall thicknesses between 6” and 12”, Quad-Lock was the better product.”
Harvey Ryan
Turnstone Builders

“We believe that ICF homes will be the new high standard of coastal living.”
Dave Eppes
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Project Partners

Owner/Developer: Turnstone Builders, DE
General Contractor: Turnstone Builders
Architect: Susan Frederick
Engineer: MacIntosh
Quad-Lock Dealer: Cropper Concrete
Additional Partners: GNP Inc.
Iron Works, Structural Steel
Atlantic Concrete

Quad-Deck rooftop deck allows for sweeping 280° panoramic views
Quad-Lock Slab Tie Bracing system utilized on 3rd level for Quad-Deck roof