

## Hexcrete Tower for Harvesting Wind Energy at Taller Hub Heights – Phase II

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### **Slab Foundation Design**

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## Foundation Design Objective

1. Minimization of Construction Cost
2. Slab Foundation
3. Typical Soil in Iowa (173 kPa) – No Soil Improvement
4. High Durability, Minimum Maintenance
5. Constructability
6. Proven Technologies



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## Design Considerations

1. Overturning Moment
2. Tower/Turbine Weight
3. Fatigue
4. Designed to Prevent
  - Uplift under Normal Operation
  - Bearing Capacity Failure
  - Tilting
  - Sliding
  - Buoyancy
  - Settlement



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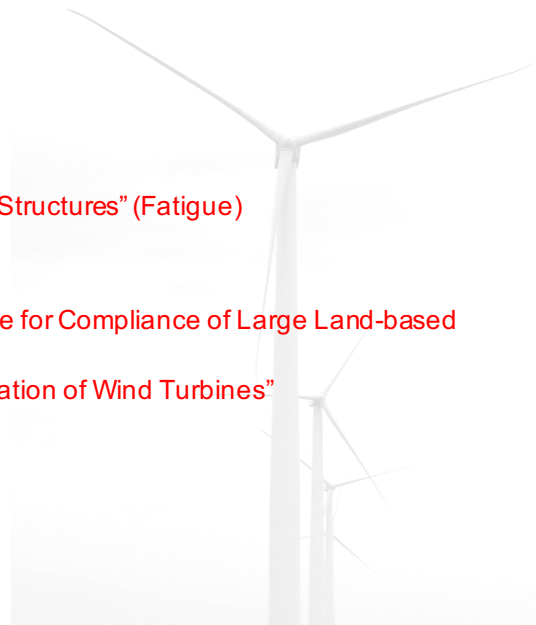


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## Design Documents

1. Normative
  - ACI 318
  - Eurocode 2 EN 1992-1-1 "Design of Concrete Structures" (Fatigue)
  - AASHTO (Crack Control)
2. Guidelines and Standards
  - ASCE/AWEA RP2011 "Recommended Practice for Compliance of Large Land-based Wind Turbine Support Structures"
  - Germanischer Lloyd, "Guideline for the Certification of Wind Turbines"
  - FIB Model Code for Concrete Structures

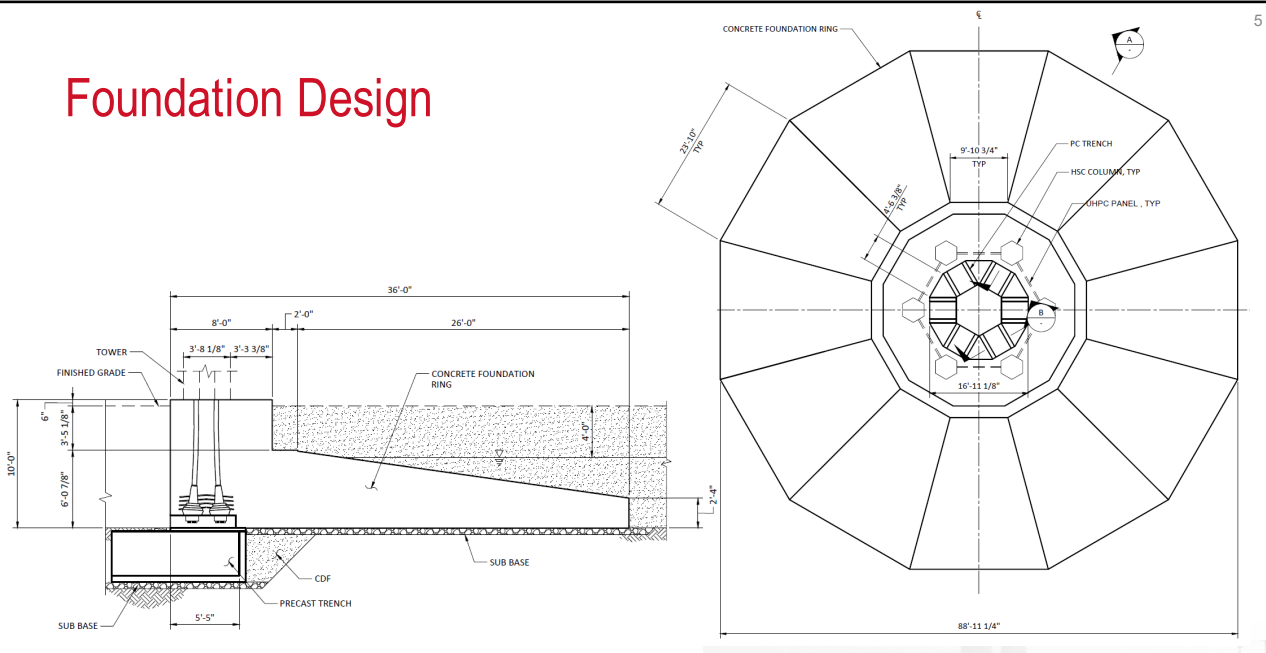


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