

In 1988, the Journal of Structural Engineering publishes a paper called Wind Drift Design of Steel Framed Buildings: a State of the Art Report. This paper, written by the Committee for the Design of Steel Building Structures (COBDS), presented and discussed the results of a state-of-the-practice survey of design firm practices related to wind drift. In 2004, ASCE funded a Special Project to update the survey, and to develop a new state of the practice paper on the subject of wind drift. Both an on-line and paper version of the survey were made available (through mass e-mail and magazine articles) to the entire SEI membership..

This technical paper reviews the premise, objectives and scope of the survey, analyzes and discusses the results, and presents a summary of the COBDS opinion on the appropriate state of the practice related to wind drift serviceability design.