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## NAHB Research Center Corner

### Will Builders Ever Increase Use of Designers?

What is the future of residential design? What will builders do 10 years from now when they start a new project? Would you recommend to your son or daughter that he or she choose residential design as a career path? Will plan services and computers do all the residential design in the future?

NAHB is sponsoring research under the Housing Affordability Through Design Efficiency (HATDE) program. Once completed, members will begin the process of revising the residential design process to integrate those results for their builder and developer clients. The goals are less costly and more effective shear walls, stronger wall/ ceiling and wall floor connections, more cost-effective wind resistant designs, and more cost-effective seismic resistant designs.

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