## **Generic Wall Design – Volume I Single Wythe Loadbearing Walls**

In 1995 the Masonry Institute of Michigan established a committee to develop generic masonry wall details. The primary goal of the committee was to create "user-friendly" masonry details for the design community. The economy and functionality of these details will compliment masonry's inherent quality as a durable building material.

Generic Wall Design – Volume 1 – Single Wythe Loadbearing Walls was published in September, 1999. Volume 1 contains four designs for Single Wythe Loadbearing Walls: 1) Unreinforced 8" CMU, 2) Unreinforced 12" CMU, 3) Reinforced 8" CMU and 4) Reinforced 12" CMU. All of the designs include a wall section, base detail, sill detail, several head details and a parapet detail. The designs focus on provisions to minimize and control rain penetration. The details are unique because there is no substantial information on flashing single wythe walls in the country. As a result of the lack of prescriptive code requirements for rain penetration and lack of standardization in many facets of construction, the designer bears a large responsibility in the decision making process.

Volume 1 is a printed loose-leaf bound reference manual containing 28 drawing sheets, with details and guidelines. There is a CD-ROM, which contains the same information as the reference manual utilizing AutoCAD Version 14.

The Masonry Institute of Michigan has mailed a complimentary copy of Volume 1, not including the CD-ROM, to all designer companies on their mailing list. The CD-ROM was also mailed complimentary to designers who are members of MIM. The CD-ROM and reference manual is available for \$195.

