The "Cat-5" Storm Defense House weaves common types of construction into a hybrid of steel and lumber that is strong and durable, quick to complete, and well capable of delivering the elevation, strength, and energy efficiency required by the extreme weather of our new 21st Century climate.

1. Rated for Wind Gusts up to 157 mph
2. Floor Elevation at Minimum 60" Above Grade or Flood
3. R-63 and R-50 Insulation at Walls and Roofs
4. Huge Roof Areas available for Outdoor Living, Solar Power and Water Harvests
5. Concealed steel structure Stops Moisture, Stops Bugs, Stops Mold
7. Layout Flexibility

The CATEGORY-5 Storm Defense House provides a secure solution to the challenges of 21st Century storms, in a design that is both roomy and gracious. Its durable system—much stronger than typical—assures many decades of low maintenance occupancy.
The 'Category-5's structure of steel columns and beams means no load-bearing walls, anywhere. Therefore, the interior plan can easily be adapted to owner needs.
An exterior finish of synthetic stucco applied to a layer of rigid insulating foam secured to high strength (60,000 psi) metal sheathing assures the Category 5's security against rough weather. Its sloped, sand-bed crawlspace with ventilated "break away" enclosure assures no pooling floodwaters below the building, and no rising damp carrying mold and disease up into the house.