

An Adobe House in Phoenix, Arizona, the 6th Largest City in the United States



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ABSTRACT

Adobe construction in Phoenix, Arizona, the 6th largest city in the United States involves more than just the social and cultural aspects of building with mud, but is about finding building materials and obtaining building permits. Adobes are grounded within a meaning of culture, history and economics in a growing metropolitan area. Historically, the first buildings in the area now known as Phoenix were built of mud by indigenous peoples and early settlers. Culturally, many aspects of earthen construction came from other parts of the globe and cultures. Economically, adobe construction is for the rich or the poor, but has yet to be for the sustainable or those wanting to reduce their carbon foot print.

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