



## The Case for Precast Foundation Walls for The Madison



When [Watts Group](#) began their work on The Madison in Coralville, IA, they started the project as they always do, by analyzing the cost of precast versus traditional foundation walls, and then looked at their timeline. Due to a couple challenges with the project, and the

benefits offered by precast, it quickly became apparent that utilizing precast concrete foundation walls, as well as other precast components, was the way to go.

**Precast Components:**

15,493 square feet of 8" [Hollowcore](#) - 1st Floor

11,582 square feet of 8" Hollowcore - 2nd Floor

5,372 square feet of 12" Hollowcore - 2nd Floor

43 [Beams](#)

22 [Columns](#)

139 [Wall Panels](#) (30,320 square feet)

181 square feet of 8" Wet Cast Slab

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## Fall in Love with Precast



**In celebration of Valentine's Day**, here are a few reasons to fall in love with precast concrete.

### **Strength for Heavy Loads**

High strength, prestressed concrete structural pieces deliver exceptional load-carrying capacity, which can result in smaller sections, longer spans, or both when compared to other structural systems.

### **Versatility**

With a variety of finishes and applications for you to choose from, your dreams can become a reality.

### Quality Assurance

As a PCI-certified plant, Mid-States Concrete performs a litany of concrete tests dictated by both PCI and ACI standards. Additionally, the Quality Department also performs pre-pour and post-pour checks every day on every piece produced at Mid-States.

### Speed of Construction

Pieces are cast off-site in a controlled environment and are delivered to you when you need them. The just-in-time delivery to the job site makes effective use of transportation and site access. A small crew can erect thousands of square feet per day and enclose the structure in days or weeks, whether it is the middle of winter, or the middle of summer.

### Safety

"I have been in the construction safety business for nearly 20 years and have worked throughout the United States and I have to say your crew is among the finest I have seen in regards to safe work practices." - Mark Stanhope, SafeMark Solutions, LLC

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