Standards and Regulations Research



NEXCO-West USA excels in providing research services on civil engineering and transportation topics, with a focus on US and Japanese industry trends. One of the major barriers to the introduction of perfectly adaptable products/services is a lack of knowledge surrounding foreign standards and regulations. We help alleviate these unknowns for engineering firms through our own past experiences and by actively monitoring changes in legal requirements for the US and Japan.



Industry Standards



Legality for Engineering Services



Market Entry Feasibility Studies



Specifics for Geographic Regions



Recent Changes/Movement in Standards



Translation of Specialty Topics



Our Advantage

We are able to benchmark (compare and contrast) practices in the US and Japan by leveraging our global professional network, our knowledgeable team of engineers, and our collection of information on private and public engineering organizations. Successful market entries from both US and Japanese firms show that our research into standards and regulations have cleared away the red tape for clients and stamped out a path for their products and services to thrive in a new, unfamiliar place.



Past Research Projects

Study of Pavement Inspection Standards

Introduction of Road Zipper Product

A client from Shikoku, Japan requested to collect information on the inspection of pavement in the US. We summarized and translated the requirements set forth in AASHTO, ASTM, and select state guidelines so that they could devise a product that met these requirements.

A client based in the state of Nebraska requested that we help them sell a moveable barrier system for two major highway owners in Japan. Interpreting the government's vehicle standards was crucial to the redesign of the product so it could be operated on Japanese highways.





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