


HITEC offers objective analysis of wall methodologies

The Highway Innovative Technology Evaluation Center (HITEC) evaluates technologies to help expedite the introduction of innovative products into the U.S. highway and bridge markets. It's a cooperative venture funded by the Civil Engineering Research Foundation (CERF) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Rick Valentine, geotechnical engineer and former consultant to HITEC, participated in the evaluation of several SRW product launches in 1998. "Before HITEC, states had to do their own evaluations and often had to rely on their own internal resources and expertise. HITEC took on this responsibility to act as a central clearinghouse for evaluations so the information would be easily accessible," Valentine explains.

HITEC has gained enough importance that some states won't use a product until it has completed a HITEC evaluation. This process, conducted by teams of four to six independent consultants such as Valentine, can be lengthy and expensive. Currently, Anchor Wall Systems is working with HITEC on new SRW technologies. 

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