

Inventory of Barriers to Trade In Services  
-----

Country: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA                      Reference Number: USA- 11

Suppliers Affected: ALL

Source: memo EPT-0705

Canadian Source: YES

Canadian Negotiating Priority: N/A

Status: Active

Created: 28/12/88

Last Updated: 28/12/88

Barrier Type:

PQ      PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Sector:                      CONSULTING SERVICES DIVISION

7751      - OFFICES OF ARCHITECTS

7752      - OFFICES OF ENGINEERS

Detailed Description:  
-----

Criteria for obtaining professional engineering and architectural licences vary from state to state.

Some states (e.g. Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska) do not recognize Canadian engineering qualifications. Canadian engineers must sit the 16 hour N.C.E.E./P.E. technical examination to obtain equivalent state registration. In Alaska, Canadian engineers must also take a course in Arctic and sub-Arctic engineering at an approved school.

A Canadian engineering firm must deal through a certified U.S. "partner" because Canadian engineering firms cannot be registered.

Canadian architects must pass the N.C.A.R.B. examination or equivalent in several states including Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. In Washington, certification is to architectural corporations or partnerships. Oregon registers only individuals. Alaska registers only corporations.

The Architecture annex of the Free Trade Agreement