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ABSTRACT

During the last three decades, Gulf countries have experienced extensive development including road industry. Road networks play a significant role to the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries in-terms of economically and strategically. Road transportation is the main transportation mode for all the GCC countries. Lately, the GCC countries have build up a strong national road industry. Such industry includes experienced and trained engineers, qualified engineering firms, and capable road

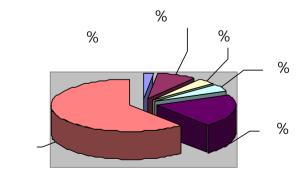
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contractors. This lead to the need of having a professional platform to integrate and exchange plans and to develop road engineering profession. Based on that, the GCC transportation ministers council has established Gulf Road Engineering Society (GRES). This paper discusses the objectives and the role of GRES on training and road technology transfer. Also, it discusses the professional qualification programs for GCC road engineers. Such programs include training and professional certification.

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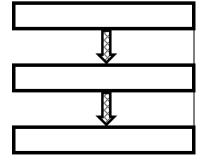
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