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Diversity

Women Engineers Abroad Have Long Road to Equality, Says Study

Women engineers in the U.K. and other overseas locations fare less well in the workplace than U.S. colleagues, says an online study by the U.K. Resource Centre for Women in Science, Engineering and Technology and British-U.S. recruiter EPCglobal. Two-thirds of U.S. engineering firms encourage careers of women employees versus only 60% of foreign employers, says the survey, which received 2,000 male and female responses. About 37% of U.S. employers report gender-diverse workplaces, compared to 27% in the U.K. Three-quarters of respondents say obstacles to women exist early in careers, with as many as 30% believing that women perform less well than men.

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