### Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Wall Project

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#### **Choices for Bridge Abutments**







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#### Earth Pressure Behind Retaining Wall

French architect and engineer Henri **Vidal** in the early 1960s





#### Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) Walls or Segmental Walls















## Using Galvanized Steel



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## Using Geogrids







# Tom Landry Highway, TX

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(a) Overturning considerations



(c) Foundation considerations



(b) Sliding considerations



#### Block Failure



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#### Geotextile Walls





### **Gabion Walls**



ach Gabion Basket is 1'-0" x 1'-0" and come 2'-0" , 3'-0" and 4'-0" Lengths





#### Gabion Retaining Wall Design



Overall stability limit state











#### **Gabion Walls**

#### HESCO CONCERTAINER

#### Military Accommodation Roofing, Personnel & Material Bunker Sets













# MSE Wall Analysis and Design



A reinforced earth retaining wall is to be <u>30 ft high</u>. The properties of the backfill material are  $\gamma = 110 \text{ lb/ft}^3$  and  $\phi = 30^\circ$ . Galvanized steel ties are to be used for the construction of the wall. Design the Reinforcements with FS<sub>(B)</sub> = 3, FS<sub>(p)</sub> = 3, f<sub>y</sub> = 29,000 psi and  $\phi_{\text{tie}} = 20^\circ$ . The properties of the in-situ soil below the retaining wall are  $\gamma = 120 \text{ lb/ft}^3$ ,  $\phi = 30^\circ$ , and c = 150 lb/ft<sup>2</sup>. Design the panels and the ties of the wall.

