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This edition focuses on policy and regulatory issues facing U.S. Congress, federal agencies and private actors in connection with infrastructure development and financing. As has been well documented elsewhere, infrastructure systems in the U.S. are increasingly vulnerable and inadequate. The American Society of Civil Engineers, by example, gave U.S. infrastructure a D+ in its most recent "Report Card for America's Infrastructure" in 2013. And multiple conferences, presentations, and white papers have focused on the problem and potential solutions.

We focus particularly in this edition on aviation, electric transmission and waterway infrastructure, with attention to recent and potentially forthcoming legislative and regulatory developments. We also explore the unique difficulties presented by infrastructure project financing and discuss various innovative financing mechanisms.

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