

Projects design, engineering and service of Safety Instrumented Systems



The increasing integration and digitalization of ‘smart’ safety automation technologies by the process industries as part of the drive for both safety & security compliance regarding ‘Intelligent Engineering’ is now an integral part of the design, engineering and operations and maintenance specifications of Safety Instrumented Systems (SIS) in line with industry good practice standards such as IEC 61508/ IEC 61511 & IEC 62443.

In order to meet their functional safety and cyber security management requirements from the supply chain, end users now demand closer integration of their safety and control systems, with safety functions at varying process states, and flexibility, scalability, and reusability of their safety components.

Increased safety assurance and TÜV accredited certification

When seeking ‘best in class’ safety project execution and operations & maintenance services for their SIS requirements, end users are looking for supply chain partners offering a demonstrable functional safety lifecycle management model for dealing with the requirements of IEC 61508 Parts 2 & 3 and IEC 61511 Part 1. ABB’s view on this requirement is one of market differentiation for ‘best in class’ engineering execution and service for SIS. To achieve this, ABB’s Safety Execution Centres (SECs) have adopted a functional safety management system that is not only aligned to the safety standards, but also has independent third party accreditation from TÜV. The use of a structured and systematic lifecycle management model allows for safety-related engineering and service activities to be planned and executed using re-usable solutions, techniques and measures, corrective & preventative

maintenance with in-depth verification and validation activities built into the processes required.

ABB is #1 in the provision of in-country certified FSM

The ABB SECs provide in-country dedicated competent functional safety resources for safety instrumented system (SIS) project execution, design, engineering, modification and maintenance, as well as access to local resident safety standards experts and technology experts.

ABB currently has more safety centres with their own individual TÜV accredited certification for their in-country Functional Safety Management System (FSMS) delivery, implementation, operations and maintenance than any other supplier in the industry. These TÜV organisations are leading world specialists in the assessment and certification of organizations and products to safety standards in addition to individual competency certification schemes. ABB adopts this third party accredited certification model to ensure:

- Integrity
- Objectivity, competence, impartiality
- Reduction in both business and technical risk



- Transparency and consistency
- Demonstrable in-country competence which is local and robust
- Mutual international recognition of certificates
- Annual surveillance
- Due diligence
- Regulatory/licensing body recognition

ABB's proven methodology for delivering safety systems meets international standards and good practices, and ensures consistent, flawless execution of these projects all over the world.

Benefits of our global approach

Our strong local business presence around the world helps provide our customers with access to local competent resources to deliver their safety-related projects and provide operations and maintenance SIS service support. In doing so, ABB's local certified Safety Execution Centres ensure that:

- Demonstrable independent assurance provided for scope requirements in accordance with both IEC 61508 and IEC 61511 safety standards
- Local cultural, regulatory and 'good practice' aspects can be addressed in the FSM and can easily accommodate its many revisions over time
- Different FSM status, progress, activities and lifecycle phases can be addressed
- Less audit and evaluation effort required by the end user based on the local FSM characteristics
- A strong core presence of in-country resident competent FS resources is retained so that the customer does not need to worry about competency being readily available and demonstrable

- Clients have a higher degree of confidence and increased functional safety assurance in the local certification processes in contrast to one overriding global certificate
- There is no dilution of the focus and commitment to functional safety and cyber security both globally and locally
- In-country management have commitment and a strong focus to FS certification and competency supported by global senior management strategic direction and global game plan

How can ABB help?

ABB is committed to providing Asset Owners with the resources, digital and cyber secure technologies and tools they need to help them operate their plants more profitably whilst protecting their employees, the environment and the surrounding community. With the need for local reliable engineering resources and quality safety automation solutions having exponentially grown over the past few years; the depth and scope of our regulatory, technical and project execution knowledge provides the trusted expertise you need to successfully protect the integrity of your process, plant and people.

Assured and certified products, services, delivery and execution.

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