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Ohbayashi Corp. agreed to buy E.W. Howell Co. , the U.S. subsidiary of Selmer-Sande AS , of Norway , for about $ 7 million named:x-c n:x v:e-i-h v:e-i-p nam
            Howell , a Port Washington , N.Y. , construction concern , was established in 1891 . named:x-c _ named:x-c _ named:x-c _ n_of:x-i _ n:x _ _ _ vie-i-p _ p:e-u-i _ yofc:x-c _
       It has three U.S. branches pron:x v:e-i-i card:i-i-c named_n:x-c n_of:x-i
          Ohbayashi officials said the purchase was undertaken to participate in ventures in and around New York City named:x-c n:x v_to:e-i-h-i q:i-h-h n_of:x-i _ v:e-i-p x:e-h-h v_in:e-i-i _ n:x p:e-u-i _ p:e-u-i _ named:x-c _ nam
   They said Howell is particularly successful there because of its membership cooperation with local unions . pron:x v_to:e-i-h-i named:x-c _ a:e-e a:e-p place_n:x p:e-u-i p:e-u-i q:i-h-h n:x n:x p:e-u-i a:e-p n_of:x-i _
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            Ohbayashi is Japan s second largest construction company named:x-c v_id:e-p-i named:x-c _ ord:i-i-c a:e-i n_of:x-i n_of:x-i
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(ARG1)
Until now , its inability to form membership ties with organized labor has p:e-u-i time_n:x _ q:i-h-h n:x-h _ v_cause:e-i-p n:x n:x p:e-u-i v:e-i-p n:x _ v_from:e-i-i-h pron:x _ v:e-i-p q:i-h-h a:e-p named:x-c named:
   The company also hopes the latest acquisition will help secure large construction orders from Japanese concerns with U.S. operations of the company also hopes the latest acquisition will verien a cere in a concerns with unique in a concerns with unique
     Ohbayashi cited industry publications crediting Howell named:x-c v_for:e-i-p n:x n:x n:x v:e-i-p named:x-c v:e-i-p named
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