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Acrow Bridge, a leading international bridge engineering and supply company, says four prefabricated modular steel bridges have been provided by the U.S. Army Security Assistance Command (USASAC) to Nepal as part of its program to help regions around the world respond quickly to national emergencies. Acrow bridges are assembled from steel bridge components that can be quickly transported, assembled and reused where needed. The bridges for Nepal will be stored along the country's major highways to keep a main supply route open in the event of a disaster. The bridges are over 76 meters long and 5 meters wide, with a load capacity of up to 120 tons. They can be assembled within 12 hours to different lengths and widths, using minimal equipment. Bill Killeen, Acrow president and CEO, says, "We are proud to provide a solution that works well in a variety of situations and delivers immediate benefits to surrounding communities." Nepalese army personnel recently completed a training course and will be trainers to help the Nepalese Army provide emergency response and humanitarian relief when needed.