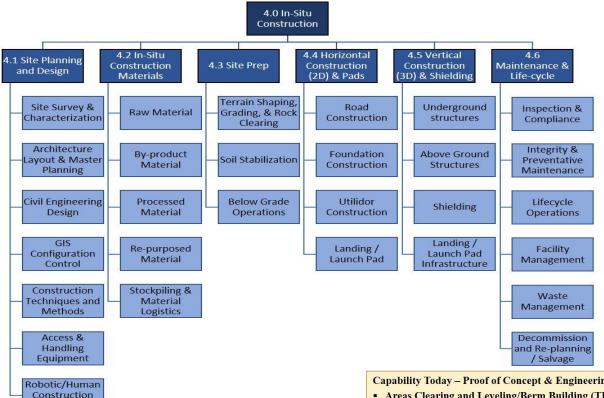


## **Lunar In-Situ Surface Construction of Infrastructure**



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## Capability Today - Proof of Concept & Engineering Breadboards

- Areas Clearing and Leveling/Berm Building (TRL 4)
  - Built and tested area clearing, leveling, and grading under terrestrial conditions on mobile platforms (Note: CSA demonstrated autonomous landing pad/road construction at analog site)
- Trenching and Burial (TRL 4)
- Built and tested backhoes and RASSOR and tested under terrestrial conditions on mobile platforms
- Landing Pad/Road Construction (TRL 3)
  - Built and tested regolith sintering under terrestrial conditions
  - Built and tested sintered bricks/pads with laboratory equipment
- Unpressurized and Pressurized Structures (TRL 3/4)
  - Built and tested regolith/plastic binder additive manufacturing techniques
  - Built and tested regolith/cement additive manufacturing techniques; Collaboration with US Army Corps of Engineers
  - Florida League of Cities/KSC partnership on recycled plastic binder construction
- NASA 3D Printed Habitat Centennial Challenge

## Capability Gap

- Construction application requirements
- Evaluation and selection of binders and binder/regolith mixtures
- Design, build, and test flight-like hardware for performance and operation evaluation under terrestrial and space environments
- Increase autonomy of operations
- Increase testing to 100's of days under lunar environmental conditions

