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BiblioGov. Paperback. Book Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. Paperback. 34 pages. Dimensions: 9.7in. x 7.4in. x 0.1in. GAO reviewed the implementation of two bilateral telecommunications agreements between the United States and Japan. The U. S. -Japan Agreement on Nippon Telephone and Telegraph Public Corporation (NTT) Procurement covers procurement by NTT, a Japanese Government enterprise that is responsible for developing Japan's domestic telecommunications system, and commits NTT to treat bids from U. S. and Japanese firms equally. The Understanding on Interconnect Market formally gives U. S. firms access to the Japanese market for equipment to be connected into the NTT system. GAO found that sales generated by the NTT Agreement have not met U. S. Government expectations. Most American business officials interviewed said that these low sales do not necessarily mean that the agreement cannot succeed, pointing out that a firm entering a foreign telecommunications market generally needs at least 3 years before making major sales. The protracted procurement process used by NTT contributes to the delay. In addition, NTT officials noted that they have had difficulty implementing the procurement procedures called for by the agreement. GAO also found that there is an unrealistic expectation on the part of...



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