

Partnerships for Workforce Sustainability Ceramic Leadership Summit April 9, 2014

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THE NATIONAL Council For Public-Private Partnerships

What is NCPPP?

- Membership
 - Public and Private
- Partnerships range from:
 - Outsourcing
 - Public-Private Partnerships
- OUR FOCUS = Public-Private Partnerships
 - "Joint Ventures"
 - "Collaborative Enterprise"
- NOT "Privatization"
 - Difference = The level of public control & oversight







Credibility Check

- Over 15 years experience as the Executive Director of the National Council for Public-Private Partnerships (retired in January, 2014). Now the Senior Fellow.
 - Includes work with higher education institutions
- First Personal experience with PPPs 1973
 - with U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development
- Family experience 1723
 - charter to build a toll bridge in Virginia
- Coincidently, worked for Bausch & Lomb and was an Adjunct Professor at The American University

All of these are relevant to our discussion today







Objective

To provide a framework to illustrate that Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs):

- Are not revolutionary
 - Used in a number of infrastructure sectors
 - Over 300 years of experience in the US
 - First ones for transportation and water
 - More widely used in other countries
 - Europe, Asia, Latin America, etc.
- Don't answer all challenges
- Can provide a valuable tool







The Challenge

Today's workforce

- 10 million unemployed
- 4 million skilled workforce positions open
 - BUT most of the unemployed do NOT have the skills necessary for these positions

Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

MAY be part of the Answer

But what exactly are they?







The Rising Demand for PPPs An International Trend

- Deficits at all levels of government
- States often have requirement for a "Balanced Budget" and/or debt limits
- Infrastructure and service needs are escalating
 - Postponed maintenance
 - Political decisions
 - Population growth
- Cuts in services and government programs
- Improving public understanding
 - Learning from examples that have worked
 - Resulting in increasing legislative actions







The biggest challenge – Institutional Inertia

This creates the need for educating people







Some History of PPPs

Colonial Period

- Bridges and water systems (first in 1653!!)
- 19th and 20th Century
 - Erie Canal, Transcontinental Railroad, New York City's transit systems
 - '30s '70s shift to publicly funded infrastructure and services

Recent evolution

- 15 years ago, almost all were infrastructure projects
- Now includes delivery of social services, health care and Higher Education
 - first for infrastructure, and now for educational programs (more later)







Proper use of terms

PPPs are NOT

- Privatization (difference = level of public sector control)
- Philanthropy (more than just a source of money for the public sector)

PPPs are

a contractual business arrangement







What is a PPP?

A Public-Private Partnership is a <u>contractual</u> <u>agreement</u> between a <u>public agency</u> (federal, state or local) and a <u>private sector entity</u>. Through this agreement, the <u>skills and assets</u> of each sector (public and private) <u>are shared</u> in delivering a service or facility for the use of the general public. In addition to the sharing of resources, <u>each party shares in the risks and rewards</u> potential in the delivery of the service and/or facility.

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Advantages of PPPs

- Maximizes the use of each sector's strength
- Reduces development risk
- Reduces public capital investment
- Mobilizes excess or underutilized assets
- Improves efficiencies/quicker completion
- Better environmental compliance
- Improves service to the community
- Improves cost effectiveness
- Shares resources
- Shares/allocates risks
- Mutual rewards





Sectors Where PPPs Have Been Used

THE EXPERIENCE IS TRANSFERABLE

"Lessons learned from one . . . "

- Transportation
- Water/Wastewater
- Urban Development
- Energy
- Communications and Information Technologies
- Financial Management
- Social Services







Seven Keys to Successful PPPs

- Public Sector Champion
- Statutory Environment
- Organized Structure
- Detailed Business Plan
- Clearly Defined Revenue Stream
- Stakeholder Support
- Pick Your Partner Carefully





Component One:

Public Sector Champion

- Political leadership must be in place
 - Leading Political Figure
 - Top Administrative Officials
 - "The Will to Change the System"
 - A Strong Policy Statement
 - Serves as the advocate for the PPP





Component Two:

Statutory Environment

- Statutory authority and regulations
 - Necessary for enforcement of the contract
- Rapid evolution underway at State levels
- Existing Federal authority for some agencies
 - DOD, VA vs. GSA and DOE
- Several states illustrating an expansion
 - Experience with state transportation agencies
 - Now includes social infrastructure and community services
 - Expands options to the local level







Component Three:

Organized Structure

- A public sector "Dedicated Unit" (tied to the purpose of the partnership)
 - From concept to final management / oversight of the partnership
- Dedicated and TRAINED personnel to monitor implementation
 - To begin, retain consultants to build skill sets with public employees
- Examples: TXDOT, VDOT, US Defense, Partnerships BC







Component Three:

Organized Structure (continued)

- Per RFP process
 - Market evaluations of underutilized assets
 - Public sector comparator and Value for Money
- Best Value vs. Lowest Price
 - Full life cycle cost analysis
 - Difficult to Administer but...
- Need for Good Governance
 - To assure an open and fair procurement process
 - Consolidate staff = easier to monitor
 - Independent authority (domestic/internal or international)
- For a higher education joint project, this could be a joint team (academic and private)







Component Three: Organized Structure (continued)

Understanding the Value for Money Process

NCPPP White Paper
"Testing Tradition: Assessing the Added
Value of Public-Private Partnerships"

at www.ncppp.org







Component Four:

Detailed Business Plan a.k.a. Enforceable Contract

- Performance goal oriented Allow for innovative plans
- Best Value vs. Lowest Price
- Plan/Contract should include:
 - Specific milestones and goals
 - Reporting of metrics and frequency
- Risk Allocation
 - Too much shift to the private sector can raise costs
 - Identify best ones to retain, which to shift
- Dispute Resolution Methodology
- Workforce Development
 - Develop local resources/small businesses
 - Developed a skilled labor pool



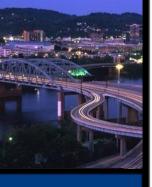




Component Five:

Clearly Defined Revenue Stream

- Funds to Cover the Long-Term Financing
 - Tolls/Fees (real or shadow) or TIF or other form of a Tax District
 - Long-Term Maintenance Contracts / Availability
 Payments
 - Fees for worker placement
- Underutilized assets
 - Allow commercial activity on publicly owned assets (land, building, etc.)
- Creative Approaches







Component Six:

Stakeholder Support

- All impacted parties
- End Users
- Competing Interests
- Requires:
 - Open and frank discussion between sectors
 - Knowing the FACTS (not myths)
 - Translating each other's language







Component Seven:

Pick Your Partner Carefully

- This is a long-term relationship
 - Verify experience (technical capability)
 - Verify financial capability
 - Best Value vs. Lowest Price
- Remember each sector's motivation
 - Genuine need (market value to the project)
 - Political / statutory environment
 - Reasonable return on investment and manageable risks
 - Timely and effective execution vs. development costs







THE PROCESS – what everyone needs to know about the process (why it can take so long to execute)

How do you attract the interest of the private sector?

Private Sector concerns

- The need to make a return on the investment
- Up-front costs at risk
- Private pre-RFP costs can be significant, but projects have a higher probability of success (because of the pre-RFP process)

Public sector steps before the RFP

- Performance goals, but not design specific
- Evaluation of the value of publicly held assets
- Evaluation of market potential, including tax revenues to be generated
- RFQ to select a design and construction team
- RFP to the selected group developed by the RFQ







Why Partner with Higher Education?

- Institutions' budget constraints → looking for additional revenue sources
- National trends and a desire to meet community needs
- They have resources that can be adapted to your needs







The German Model

- Based on their history of the Guild system
- Three days in-factory apprenticeship
- Two days in school (adjacent to factory)
- Jointly funded by union and employers
 - Difference in corporate governance in Germany







Chattanooga and VW

- Partnership with Tennessee Tech University and Chattanooga State Community
- Adapted from the German apprenticeship program
 - 3 year, with semesters of in-plant paid experience
 - Leads to an association degree
- Also promotes movement from associate degrees to Bachelors in Engineering
- link: http://www.chattanoogastate.edu/engineeringtechnology/partnerships/vw-academy/







The North Carolina Community College

- Dean on his annual solicitation campaign asks for the "usual \$25,000"
- The unexpected response from the CEO
 - "no more contributions, no matter how good the cause"
 - Prefer a partnership to train a new workforce
 - Over \$1 Million in equipment provided







Year Up

- Independent Non-Profit training based in 8
 major cities (Atlanta, Boston, San Francisco, Chicago, New
 York, Providence, Seattle and Washington, DC)
 - High School graduates and GED recipients, 18 -24 years old
 - 6 months of classes in technical skills with a stipend
 - 6 months of paid internships for the development of workplace professional/social skills
- Funded by corporate per graduate placement fees







Match the PPP to Your Needs

- Clearly define what your needs are
 - What are the specific skill sets that are needed?
 - What are the acceptable levels of proficiency?
- Do you have an existing connection? An employee or another connection?
- Know your "target partner" what are their "hot buttons"
- Open a dialogue with the appropriate people (i.e. the potential or existing on-campus champion)
- Don't assume they understand what your needs are







Match the PPP to Your Needs

- Be prepared to provide resources:
 - Money or in-kind equipment
 - Faculty
 - In-plant experience (internships / apprenticeships)
- Understand that this is a long-term process



Managing for Success

The Critical Component:

LEADERSHIP









CASE STUDIES

Learn from successes and failures

Provide you with examples for implementation

YOU ARE THE KEY

Extrapolate and Adapt

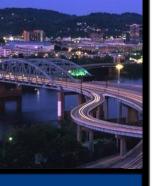
NCPPP website www.ncppp.org
Domestic and International case studies
The Seven Keys in all of these





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Conclusions

PPPs Not Easy, but . . .

- Need for public sector education to overcome "institutional inertia"
- Can be a valuable option
 - Sometimes, the only way it can be done
- A means of cost effective, accelerated delivery
- Requires a genuine partnership and open communications between sectors







Need Help?

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