

**March 26, 2010**  
**Washington, D.C.**



## **One-Day Government-to-Government Summit on Public-Private Partnerships**

### **“The Promise and Risks of Public-Private Partnerships”**



The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) in cooperation with UK Trade and Investment (UKTI), the economic development arm of the British Government, is sponsoring a government-to-government dialogue on public-private partnerships (PPPs) titled, “The Promise and Risks of Public-Private Partnerships”.

**Date:**

March 26, 2010  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Location:**

Washington Court Hotel  
525 New Jersey Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20001  
(202) 628-2100

Under the auspices of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the United Kingdom Trade and Investment (UKTI) office, key government officials and selected businesses from both sides of the Atlantic will be invited to gather in Washington, D.C. to share positive and negative experiences related to implementing PPPs and to examine guiding principles on when and how PPPs make sense in addressing transportation and other needs at the state and local level.

This meeting is an outgrowth of work conducted by NCSL’s PPP working group. The group was formed by the leadership of NCSL due to recent activity and interest in PPPs to cut through the confusion, misunderstanding, and the creation of unrealistic expectations associated with some recent PPP activity. Boosters and detractors of PPPs have dominated the public debate, while reasoned voices have been harder to discern.

The group, which consists of state legislators, legislative staff and representatives of private sector entities, was formed to assemble reliable information and to identify effective tools for considering PPPs (or not). This group has worked for over 18 months, analyzing legislators’ needs and hearing a variety of invited experts. It has developed nonpartisan, balanced and absorbable materials to aid the legislative process both in their respective states and in considering state-federal relationships. The principles developed will be shared at this meeting.

**Overview of Event:**

- An event that covers key features (both positive and negative) of international and US experiences of P3 to date
- The main focus is transportation (as this is where the US is at the moment), but will also explore social infrastructure, especially schools
- This is envisioned as a small 60-70 person gathering to truly create an opportunity for dialogue

**Key Objectives:**

- To raise awareness around the benefits and costs of P3, explore where it is appropriate, and where it is not
- From a public sector perspective, help address key concerns around P3 and identify mechanisms to progress where appropriate
- Highlight the NCSL's PPP Partners Project including the "soft" release of the NCSL PPP Toolkit for review by selected outside parties
- Connect UK companies and specialist agencies involved in the P3 space with NCSL and to interested senior legislators and their staff, state-level officials and the Federal Government
- Discuss public perception issues

**Possible Format:**

- 9am to 3pm
- Morning – Keynote speech, selected presentations and structured discussion(with moderator)
- Mid-morning coffee break for networking
- Small group break outs
- Networking buffet lunch
- Closing plenary capturing key areas of agreement

**Partners:**

NCSL  
UK Trade & Investment  
Partnerships UK  
International Financial Services London

**Key participants confirmed:**

State of Indiana (elected rep.)  
State of Oregon (elected rep.)  
National Governor's Association  
National League of Cities  
University of Minnesota  
Federal Government (Office of IPD/FHWA)  
State of Georgia (PPP Programme)

State of Michigan (PPP Programme)  
National Council for PPP  
Partnerships UK  
International Financial Services London  
American Public Transportation Association  
American Association of State Highway and Transportation  
Officials

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