



NCSL

Partnership Opportunity on Public-Private Partnerships

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) invites you to join in a 12-month project to help us assist state legislators in their decision making about public-private partnerships (PPPs) for transportation infrastructure.

There is a well-documented gap in expertise about PPPs in the United States. In 2010, the NCSL Partners Project on PPPs made a significant contribution by formulating nine best practices principles (right) for use by state legislators, as they consider whether and how to legislatively authorize PPPs for transportation.

During the coming year, a subsequent step is to help state legislators put these principles into practice, as states continue to seek innovative financing solutions for the nation's transportation needs. NCSL can help state legislators consider how best to create the necessary framework and ground rules for PPPs within each state's unique and complex statutory environment.

The NCSL Partners Project will also engage in an in-depth, state-by-state analysis of the legal frameworks for PPPs, and get this information to the public and private sector stakeholders who need it most.

NCSL is asking for your company or association to join with us in these efforts. For a contribution of \$17,500 you will enjoy all the benefits of NCSL Foundation sponsorship, sit as a part of our PPP deliberations and have a voice in formulating the ongoing agenda relative to PPPs.

Please contact Jim Reed at jim.reed@ncsl.org or 303-856-1510 for more information and a complete overview of our ongoing efforts.

The NCSL PPP Principles for State Legislators

These nine principles are intended to help guide state legislators in the process of making important policy decisions about PPPs.

Principle 1: Be informed.

State decision makers need access to fact-based information that supports sound decisions.

Principle 2: Separate the debates.

Debates about the PPP approach should be distinct from issues such as tolling, taxes or specific deals.

Principle 3: Consider the public interest for all stakeholders.

State legislators will want to consider how to protect the public interest throughout the PPP process.

Principle 4: Involve and educate stakeholders.

Stakeholder involvement helps protect the public interest, gain support and mitigate political risk.

Principle 5: Take a long-term perspective.

State legislators will want to approach PPP decisions with the long-term impacts in mind.

Principle 6: Let the transportation program drive PPP projects—not the other way around.

PPPs should be pursued to support a state's transportation strategy, not just to raise revenue.

Principle 7: Support comprehensive project analyses.

Before pursuing a PPP, it should be shown to be a better option than traditional project delivery.

Principle 8: Be clear about the financial issues.

States will want to carefully assess financial goals, an asset's value and how to spend any proceeds.

Principle 9: Set good ground rules for bidding and negotiations.

Legislation should promote fairness, clarity and transparency in the procurement process.