



## CDFA Intro to Public-Private Partnerships Finance

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## **P3 in the United States:**

**Key Characteristics  
& Drivers**

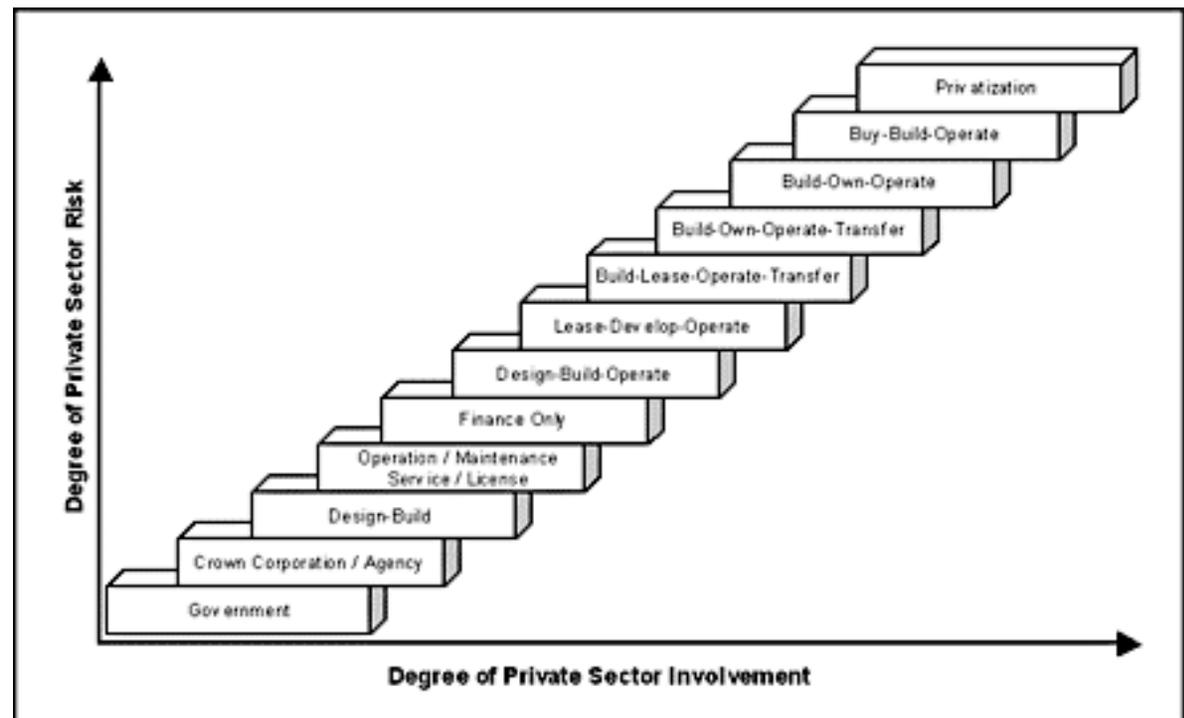
# Introduction

## What is P3?

- Alternative procurement method where public agency partners (e.g. municipalities, states, authorities) with a private-sector entity (e.g. developers, construction and engineering firms, infrastructure investors) in order to leverage private resources and expertise through the transfer of risk
- Contractual arrangements bundle investment expenditures with life-cycle operation costs of infrastructure projects – *It is not privatization*
- Typically a Performance Based Approach - Development, management, and finance of project is often delegated to private firms

## Why Choose P3?

- Debt does not have to be public borrowing and often is not (non-recourse)
- Investment costs spread over life of the project
- Often accelerated and on-time delivery
- Leverage private expertise, and long-term performance guarantees to greater savings and efficiencies
- Price certainty for budgeting
- Flexibility and innovation
- Value for Money (Vfm)



Source: The Canadian Council for Public Private Partnerships

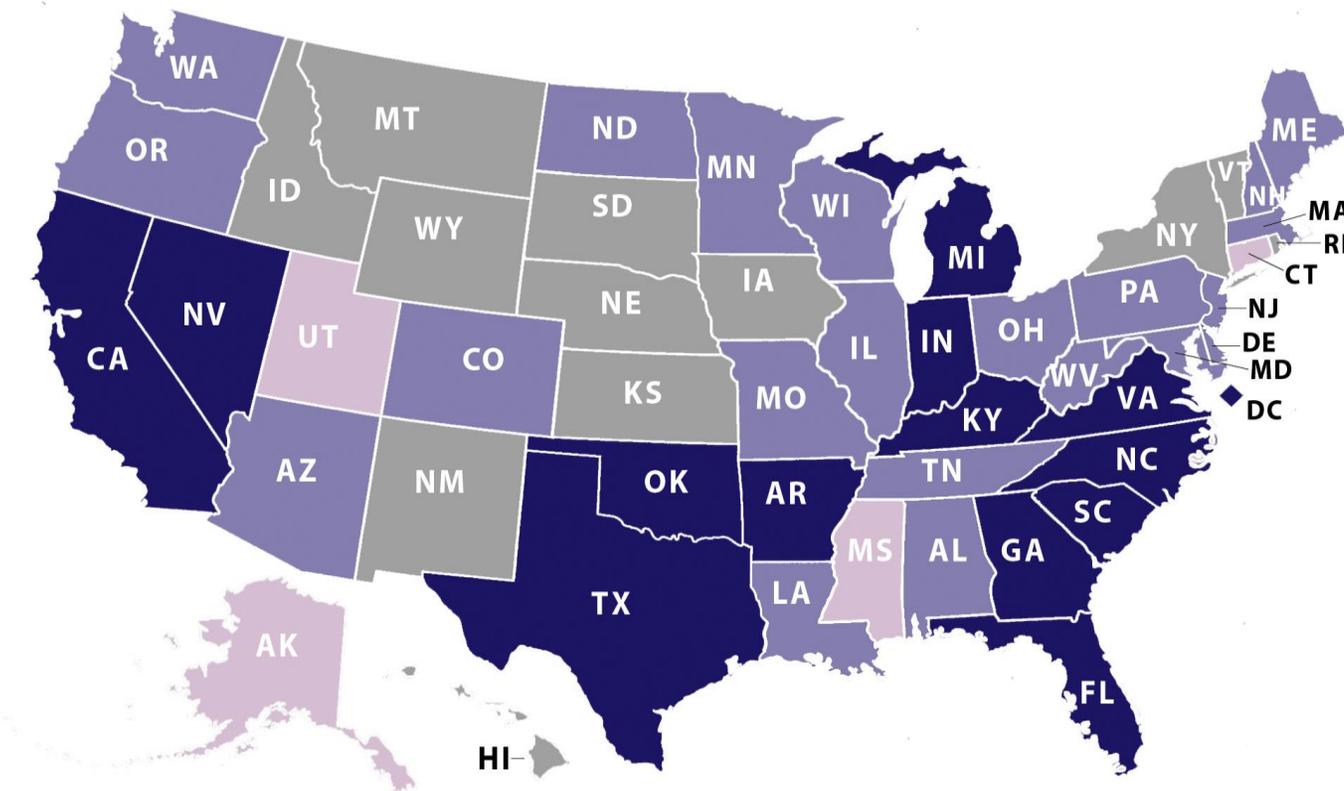
# P3 Markets: State of U.S. Infrastructure

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- ***Governments continue to face increasing budgetary shortfalls amid a stock of aging infrastructure in dire need of investment.***
- The American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE's) 2017 Infrastructure Report Card overall infrastructure grade = D+
  - estimates in excess of \$4.5 trillion needed by 2025 to fix the country's roads, bridges, dams, and additional infrastructure across broad sectors.
- Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has indicated nominal spending on American infrastructure has increased by 44 percent since 2003, while the real purchasing power of that spending has decreased by 9 percent.
  - states and localities provide the lion's share of infrastructure funding in the United States, providing \$320 billion as compared to \$96 billion from the federal government.
- Surplus of infrastructure investment from private capital available in 2017:
  - too few "bankable" deals,
  - lack of commitment on P3s,
  - competition from the municipal market,
  - need for additional infrastructure enabling legislation.
- Investor appetite remains at historic levels – willing to deploy capital across all classes of US infrastructure assets (majority have been power, renewable energy assets, midstream).
- Demand for traditional assets (roads, airports, bridges) remains high; along with (transportation and telecom) sectors they experienced lower activity in 2017.
- Trump administration's proposed \$1 trillion infrastructure plan continues to drive interest in the sector.

# Existing 3P Legislation

- Legislation currently in over 39 states, including Puerto Rico



As of January 2018 (Source: DBIA)

# Selected Legislation Updates for 2018

State/Territory	Details	Status
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DOT authorized to enter into P3s for transportation projects</li> <li>▪ Authorizes broad 3P authority for building, facilities, or distribution infrastructure for public water supply or treatment, waste water treatment and disposal, or flood control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pending</li> <li>▪ Pending</li> </ul>
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Adds Design-construct-operate-maintain-finance arrangements to the list of authorized alternative financing methods for county boards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passed</li> </ul>
Michigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Created a P3 investment fund for investments in capital asset improvements, energy resource exploration extraction, generation, sales, infrastructure construction, maintenance and operation, among others</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passed</li> </ul>
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Authorizes P3 for infrastructure projects including waste water treatment and water conservation facilities, public transportation, education, oil and gas pipelines, technology, public housing, and other public infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Pending</li> </ul>
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allows governmental entities to enter into P3 contracts for provision of a public service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Passed</li> </ul>
Puerto Rico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Central Recovery and Reconstruction Office, or CRRO, a unit of the P3 Authority that was created to lead the coordination, development and execution of the recovery plan required by Congress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Puerto Rico government is pushing ahead with a handful of priority public-private partnership, or P3, projects that are scheduled to go out for bid this quarter and are targeted to close in less than a year.</li> </ul>

# Emerging Trends and Sectors

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- Energy/utility and operational savings
- Public universities (dormitories/Master Energy and Sustainability Plans)
- Social infrastructure
- Expansion of services (Smart City Initiatives)
- Resiliency (Microgrids, Islanded Combined Heat and Power Systems)
- Water/wastewater/storm water
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party ownership models (PPA, distributed generation, asset monetization)
- Reuse/repurpose real estate assets

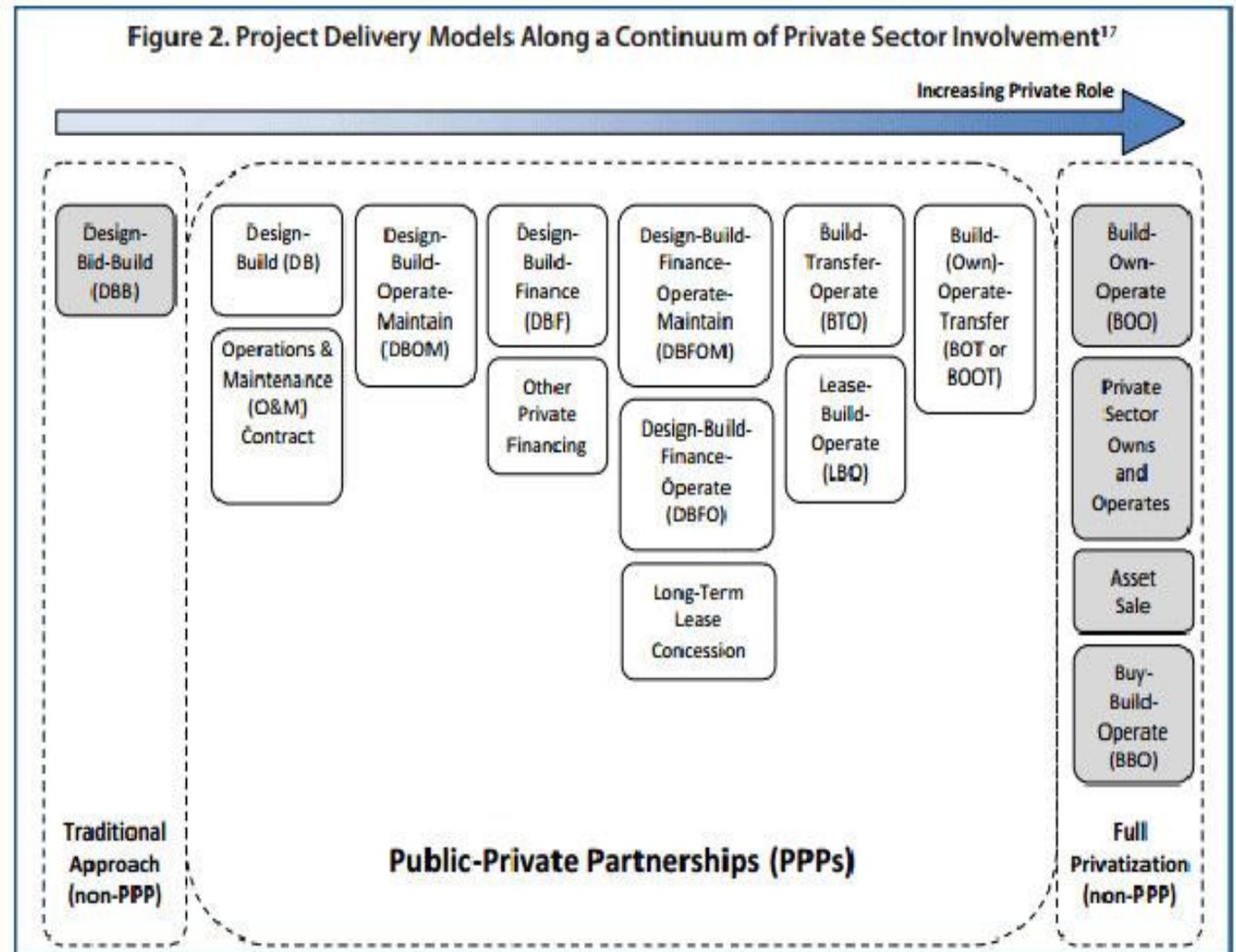
# P3 Delivery Models

## Characteristics:

- Brownfield/Greenfield Developments
- Availability Payments vs. Revenue Generation
- Budgetary Limitations
- Opportunity Costs
- Project Delays and Deferred Maintenance

## Drivers:

- Taxable vs. Tax-Exempt Debt
- Borrowing Capacity Constraints
- Ownership/Accounting/Tax Considerations
- End of Term Considerations



# Other P3 Challenges

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- Lack of political champion
- Credit quality
- Effectively valuing indirect benefits (e.g. resiliency, energy security, and cybersecurity)
- Willingness to pay a price for innovation
- Competitive and long procurement process
- Staffing plans and labor-related issues
- Maximizing flexibility

# Regulatory, Tax and Accounting Considerations

## Regulatory

- P3 authorizing legislation in regions projects are targeted
- Local regulatory environment for specific projects (e.g. energy distribution/generation)
- Procurement legislation for long-term services
- Local utility interconnect requirements
- State and local technology incentives

## Tax Reform

- Reduced Corporate Tax Rate
- Interest Deduction Limitation
- Cost Recovery and Expensing
- Investment Tax Credits / Accelerated Depreciation

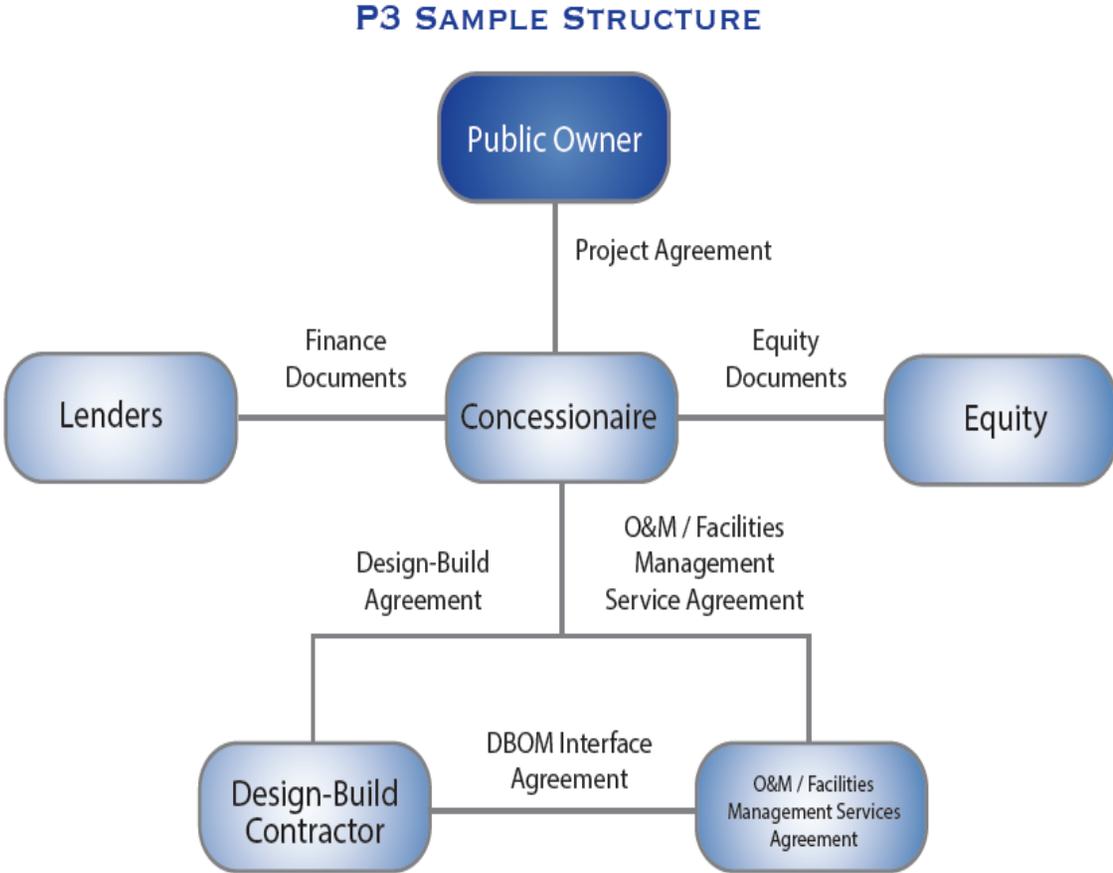
## Accounting Standards Codification (ASC 842)

- Under new accounting standards taking effect in 2019 (ASC 842), structures will be evaluated to determine if it contains an imbedded lease.
  - ASC 842- all leases, including operating leases will be recorded on the lessee's balance sheet as a Right of Use Asset ("ROU"). Operating leases under GAAP will continue to meet "off-debt" and "off-credit" recognition.
  - International Accounting Standard IFRC 16 treats operating and capital leases alike.
  - True Service Agreement ("off-balance sheet") treatment still possible but may require multiple off-takers or sufficient 3rd party revenue sources to meet economic benefits test.
  - ESA structure for energy efficiency measures must consider impact of variable and contingent payments and savings guarantees on ROU value.
  - Fair market value determination required for purchase option.

# Sample P3 Financing Structure

## Financing/Contracting Options:

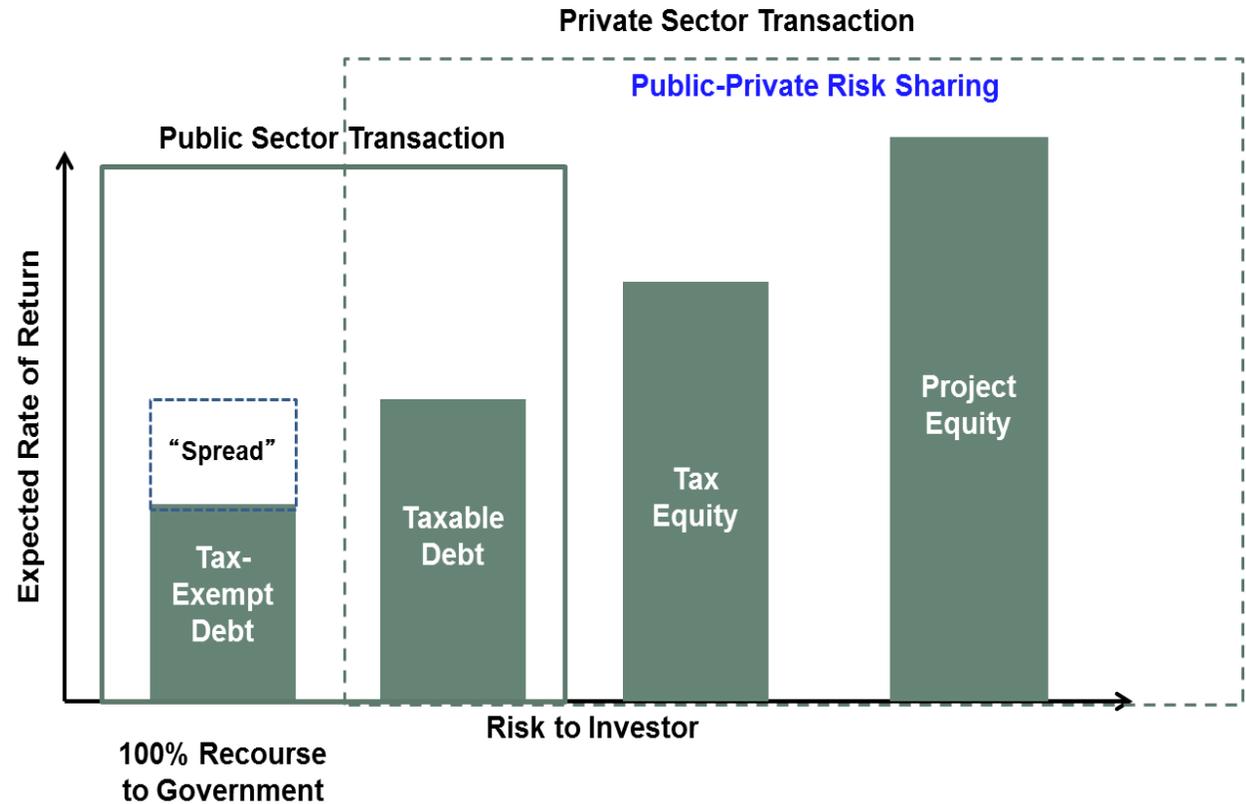
- Services Agreements
- Power Purchase and Supply Agreements
- Concession Agreements
- Leases (Capital/Operating)



Source: DBIA

# Cost of Capital

- P3s have higher costs of capital as a general rule:
  - P3 debt is typically taxable while interest on municipal bonds is tax exempt
  - Private Sector pays taxes on revenues and certain assets
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Party ownership models may be able to monetize incentives/tax benefits (e.g. renewable energy technologies)
  - Private Equity investors with ownership in P3 Projects, share in the profits, and expect to earn higher rates of return for the risk they undertake



# Evaluating 3P's - Value for Money (Vfm) Analysis

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- Common misperception is that PPPs are always a more expensive form of project delivery for state and local governments and authorities
- As highlighted by the National Council for Public-Private Partnership's (NCP3P) white paper, *"Testing Tradition: Assessing the Added Value of Public-Private Partnership"*, a thorough and proper evaluation involves several analyses:
  - Costs of deferred maintenance, repair, replacement
  - Project timing
  - Complete financial analysis using Value for Money (Vfm) assessment on Net Present Value (NPV) basis
- Establish Public Sector Cost Comparator (PCC) as baseline to compare to PPP or privatized options
- Conduct full Life-Cycle (FLC) cost and revenue analysis for each option
- Value and assess transfer of risk more effectively

***Financing costs for projects may be higher for PPPs however FLC analysis often shows savings over time due to risk allocation, design, construction, and long-term O&M.***

# Sample Risk Transfers

<u>Risk</u>	<u>Traditional Public Procurement</u>	<u>Public/Private Partnership</u>
Construction Cost & Design	Public Owner/Contractor	Contractor
Project Schedule	Public Owner	Contractor
Permitting	Public Owner/Contractor	Contractor
Performance	Public Owner	Operator
Operations & Maintenance	Public Owner	Operator
Financing	Public Owner	Financier
Revenues	Public Owner	Financier
Demand Risk	Public Owner	Public Owner

# Value for Money Analysis – Public Cost Comparator

- *The public sector Cost Comparator (PCC) analyzes costs as if public sector was to distribute the good or service on its own; a financial benchmark used against all bids of a project*

## 1) Raw PCC:

- $\text{=(operating costs – third party revenues) + Capital costs}$

## 2) Competitive Neutrality PCC:

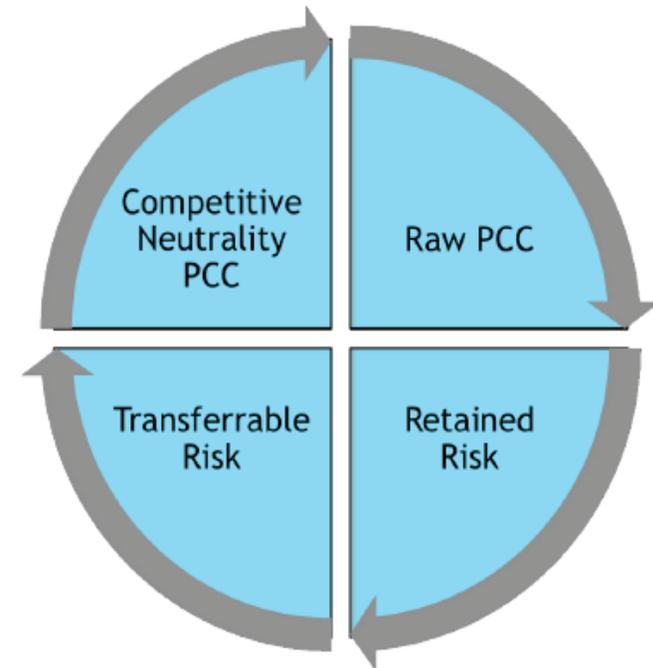
- Calculation that removes all advantages and disadvantages of public sector ownership. Quantified potential advantages are then treated as costs and disadvantages as benefits

## 3) Transferred Risks PCC:

- Optimal transfer of risk Identified by valuing each risk. Sector best able to manage them, should be allocated those risks

## 4) Retained Risks:

- Value the costs from risks that remain with public sector in P3
- Manage risks willing to assume, define a threshold for risk
- Should be calculated and added to private sector bids received



<p>Total Value of PCC=</p> $\text{Raw PCC} + \text{Competitive Neutrality PCC} + \text{Transferrable Risk PCC} + \text{Retained Risk PCC}$
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Source: Public Cost Comparator for PPPs.  
American University of Public Policy on behalf of NCPPP

# Sample VfM analysis Results

- Project Scope: \$100M Combined Heat and Power and Solar Development for a University

<u>Option</u>	<u>Cost Comparator (Tax-exempt)</u>	<u>3P – Capital Lease (Taxable)</u>	<u>3P – Services Agreement / Operating Lease (Taxable)</u>
Capital Cost	\$100 Million	\$90 Million	\$90 Million
Ownership	Public	Public Owner	3rd Party
Payments	Fixed	Contingent	Contingent
O&M	Public	Operator	Operator
Performance Risk	Public	Operator	Operator
Taxes	N/A	N/A	ITC MACRs depreciation Property taxes owed
End of Term	N/A	N/A	Purchase EQ at FMV or agreement renewal
Cost of Capital	4%	5%	6.5%
Balance Sheet Impact	On-Balance Sheet	Off-debt/off-credit possible, Contingent Payment Offsets	Off-debt/off-credit possible, Contingent Payment Offsets
NPV of Savings/Revenues	\$30M	\$35M	\$20M

# Conclusions

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## **P3 Markets:**

- Surplus of private capital available for investment in US infrastructure
- Require new legislation to continue to broaden 3P authority and establish well-defined, streamlined processes spearheaded by political champions and use of best practices

## **A P3 is not:**

- A new funding source or form of procurement
- Appropriate for every project
- Privatization
- A structure that assigns all risks to the private sector

## **A successful P3:**

- Allocates the optimal level of risk among the parties best suited to bear the risk
- Has clearly defined project scope, needs and objectives, and a transparent process
- Shares revenues or cost savings with government/not-for profit
- Contains Incentives for the private sector to maximize performance
- Evaluates options using Value for Money analysis

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