

# Public-Private Partnerships



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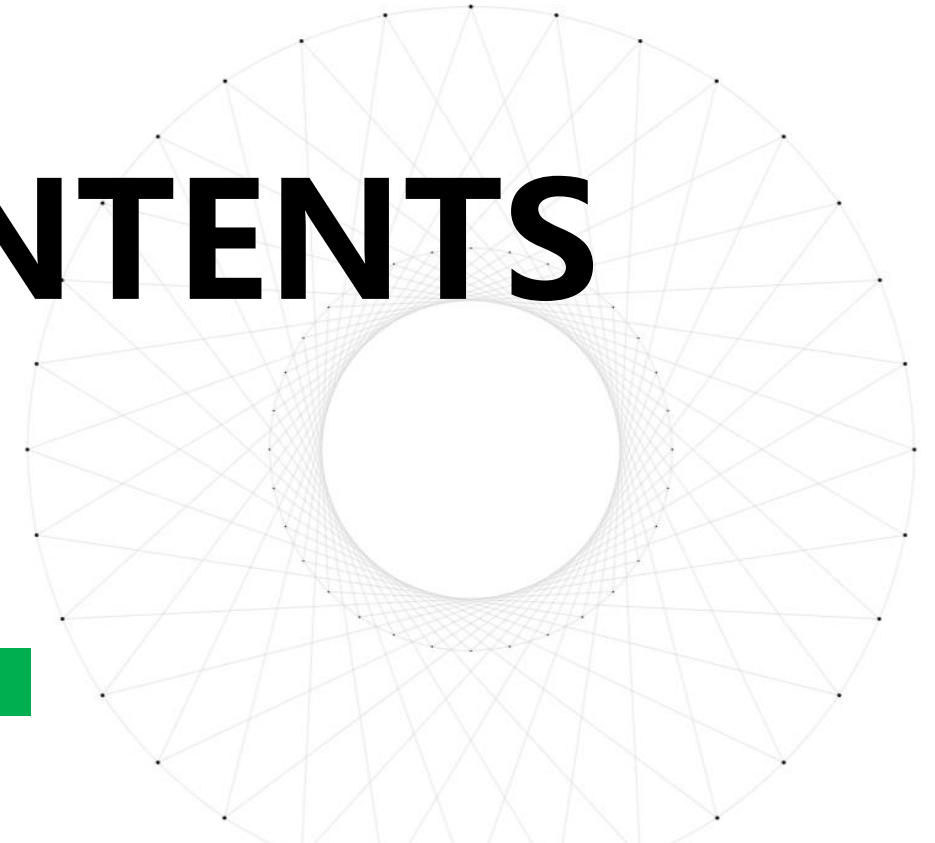
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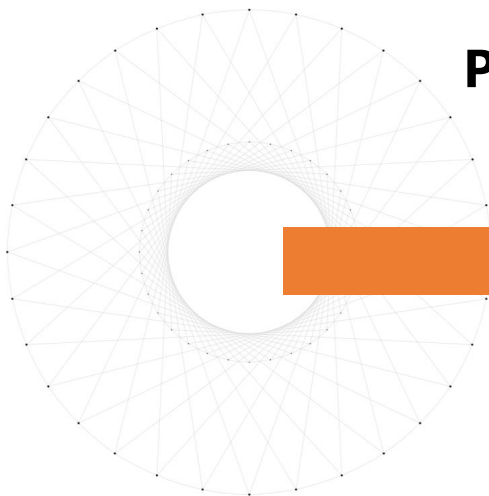
## SUCCESSFUL FACTORS

PART THREE



## PROBLEMS

PART TWO



# I-4 Ultimate

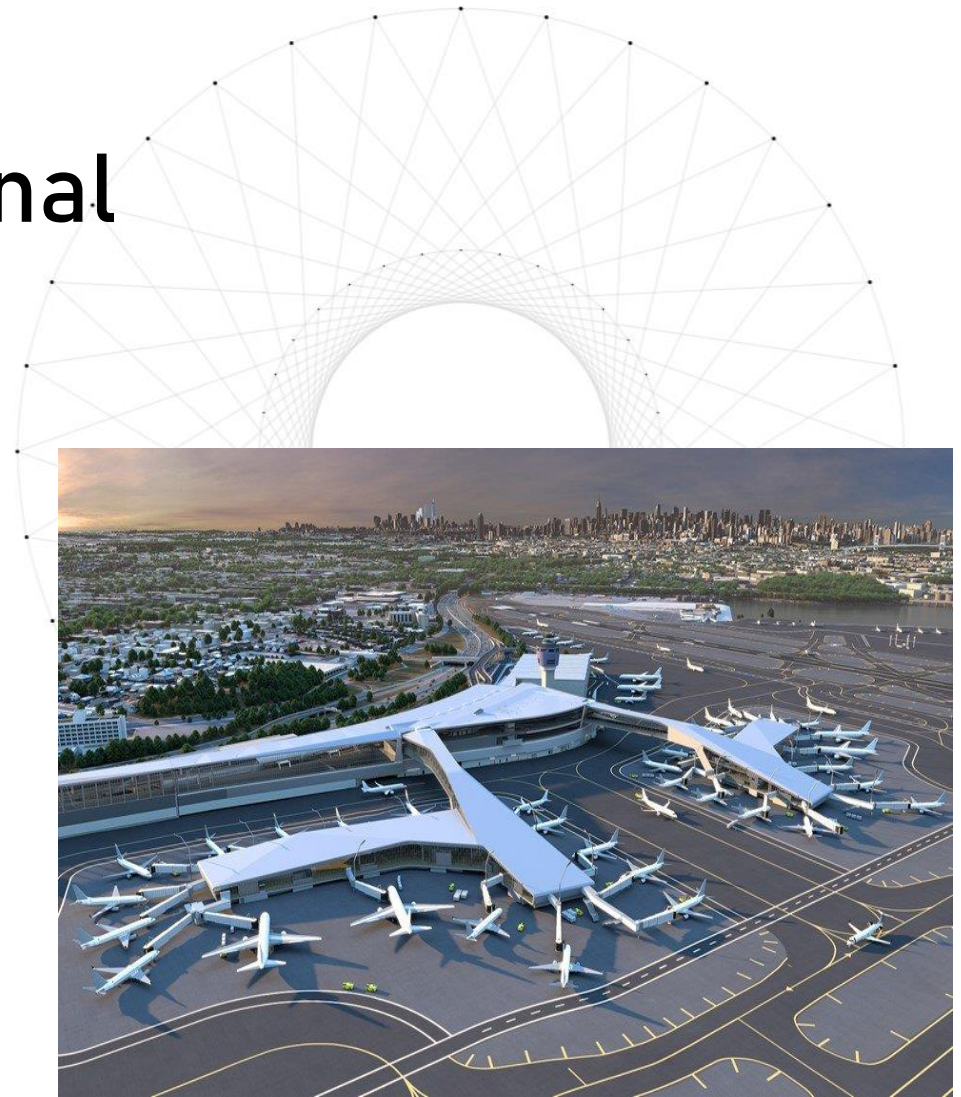
- Reconstructing 21 miles of I-4 from Orange County to Seminole County
- Divided into 4 zones
- \$2.3 Billion project
- 40-year lease period
- Time period: 6.5 years
- Construction delayed by 245 days
- \$100 million claim submitted
- Possible reasons include:
  - Catastrophic drill shaft failure (complex geological conditions)
  - Weather issues (hurricanes)
  - Working with existing traffic





# LaGuardia Airport Central Terminal

- LaGuardia Airport – development of the central terminal
- Total number of terminals - 4
- PPP project with LaGuardia Gateway Partners (Skanska, HOK, and WSP) as private partners and Port Authority of New York and New Jersey as public partner
- 20th busiest airport with traffic of more than 29.7 million passengers
- Value of contract – \$4 Billion
- Lease period – 35 years or until 2050
- Possible reasons/problems include:
  - Long procurement process
  - Construction risks
  - Revenue risk



## PART TWO PROBLEMS

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### Responsibilities

- Transfer control and ownership to private part
- Example - LaGuardia Airport

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### Design changes

- Causing delay
- Extra cost

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### Inexperienced government

- Private investors would not feel comfortable
- Communication

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### Construction risk

- Unforeseeable site condition
- Cannot be in the framework
- Example - Goethals Bridge

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### Bidding process

- Long time to close the contract
- Expensive and complicated bidding process
- Example - LaGuardia Airport

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### Lack of expertise in the private sector

- PPP requires a unique formation that involves law, financing, and engineering
- Examples - SR 125 and Trans Texas Corridor

## PART TWO PROBLEMS

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### Insufficient details

- Active PPP projects
- Upcoming PPP projects
- Example - details of private partners in PPP projects

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### Statutory authority

- Model legislation of 2007
- Establish authorities for transportation agencies
- Only 33 out of 50 states have a PPP statutory authority; New York and New Jersey do not have one

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### Stringent laws

- Deter construction of parallel roads
- Affect revenues
- Examples - Chicago Skyway and Indiana Toll Road

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### Monetary support

- Government financial support
- Examples - Australia and Colombia

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### Revenue risk

- Public can borrow at a lower interest rate
- Long-term user demand is unpredictable
- Example - LaGuardia Airport

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### Lack of public support

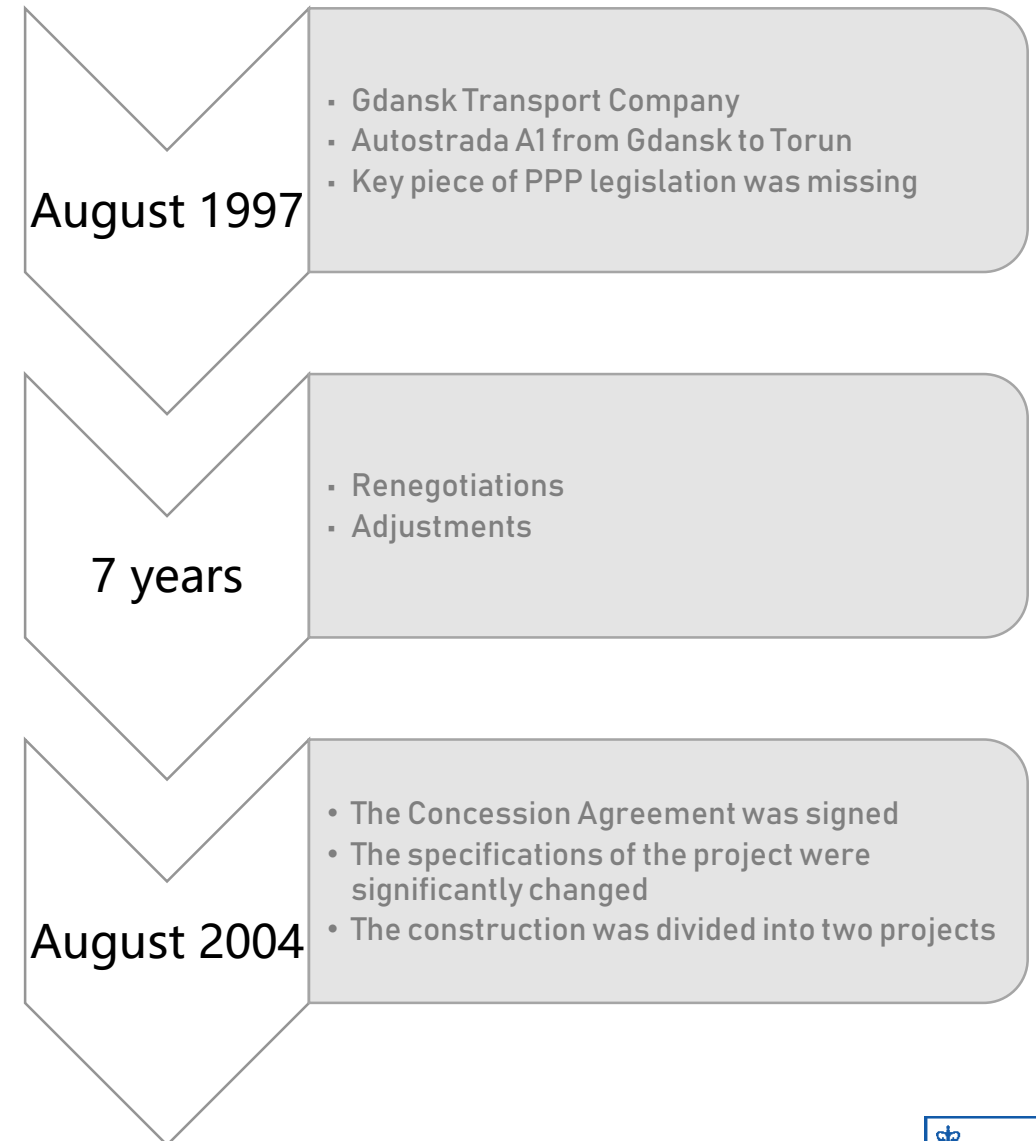
- Privatization
- High returns



## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS – FAVORABLE LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **Increasing capability of government agencies to deliver**
  - Reduce cost of the learning curve
  - Risk of mistakes
  - Transfer skills
- **Structured way of reconciling disparate objectives**
  - Expectations
  - Training
  - Skill development
  - Improves longevity of PPP Program
- **Making sure that whole-of-government risk is limited**
  - Government reputation
  - Fiscal risks
- **Generating market interest**
  - Competitive procurement process
  - Drive down price
  - Promote innovation
  - Reduce investors' perception of risk

## Case: Poland A1 Toll Motorway Project



- Gdansk Transport Company
- Autostrada A1 from Gdansk to Torun
- Key piece of PPP legislation was missing

August 1997

- Renegotiations
- Adjustments

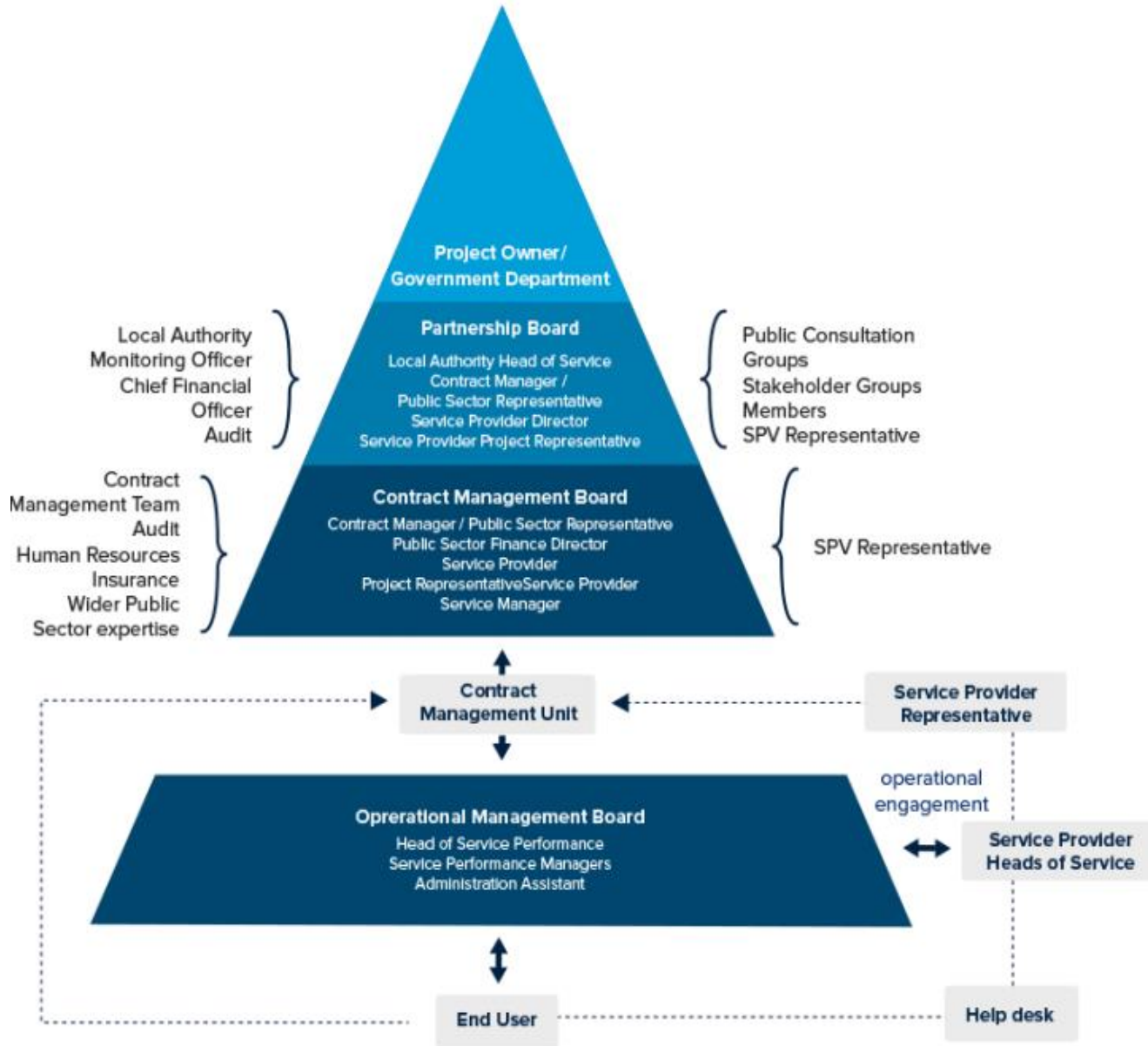
7 years

- The Concession Agreement was signed
- The specifications of the project were significantly changed
- The construction was divided into two projects

August 2004



## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS – GOOD GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



USA

## I-495 Express Lanes



### Threat:

- Early engagement

### Mistake:

- Public engagement with key stakeholders
- Robust and early engagement with end users
- Allocation of operational responsibilities

### Result:

- Customers also needed to learn where they could get on and off the network

## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS – PUBLIC AGENCY

### 3 Agencies

- Promotion
- Advisory
- Evaluation

### Financial self-sufficiency

- Independency from political changes
- Technical institution
- Attention to infrastructure overbuilding

### Different in every nation

“An agency must be structured and run in a way that is optimal for PPP transactions in the particular government, and what works for one country may create problems in another.” -----*Director of PUK*

### Providing expertise

- PPP sector lack of people with the necessary preparation
- Unique field

### Cheaper and shorter bidding process

- 3 months to decide on a winner
- 8 months to close

# Strong private consortiums



## Stimulate competition

- Public advantage



## Examples

- Only three companies
- JFK - four proposals
- Dulles Green Way - one proposal
- Charlotte Water Plant - four proposals

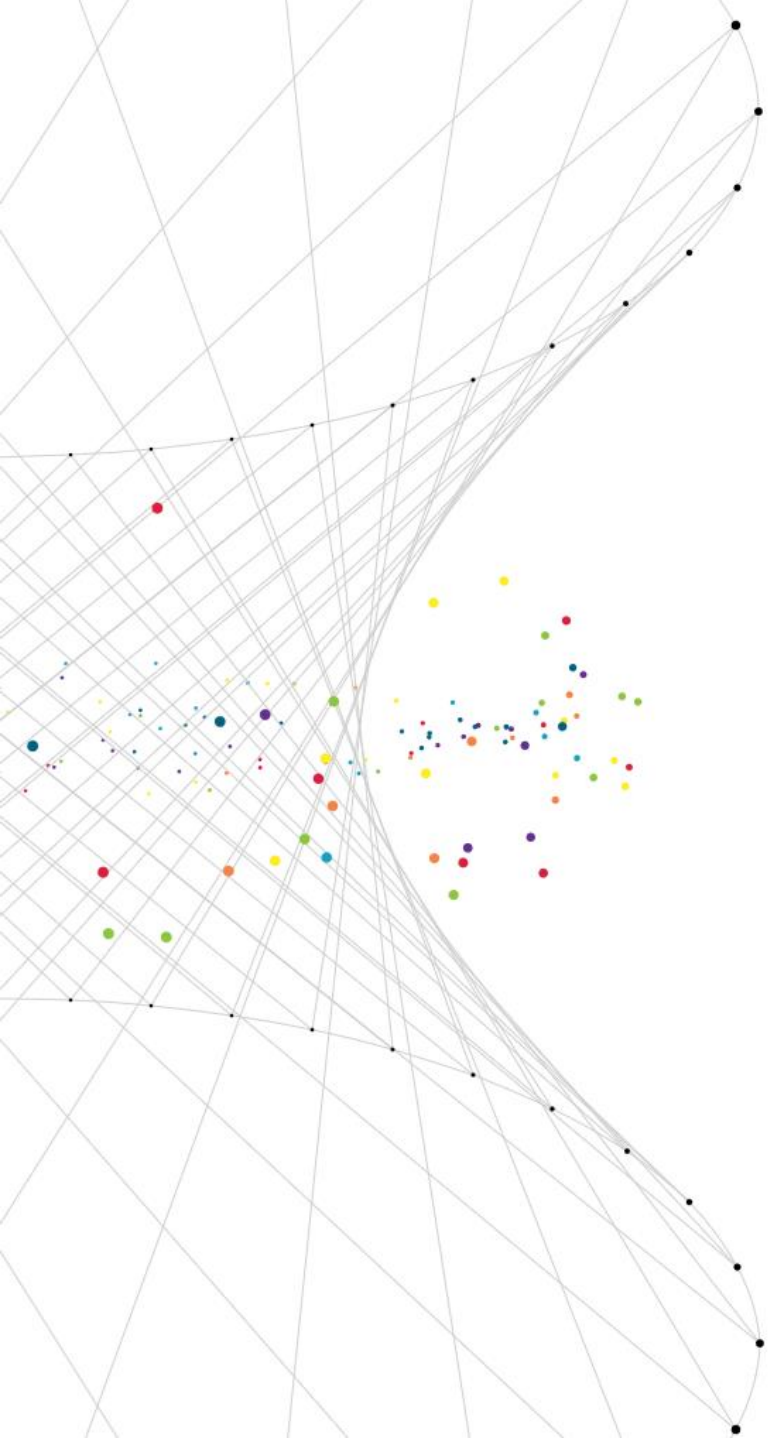


## Competitive bidding process

- Possibility of noticing inconsistency



## Greater number of projects



## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS – MACROECONOMIC FACTOR



### Colombia example

- US \$50 Billion in Colombia
- 4,350 miles in Colombia



### Higher return

- More competition
- Cheaper for the public
- PPP development
- Higher risks are accepted



### Lower risks

- Risk matrix
- Less accurate framework needed, business planning
- Mistakes in traffic forecast

## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS - GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL SUPPORT

### Senior public officials

- Increase engagement of senior public officials by actively involving and educating them
- Officials need to be well-informed of the process

### Political leaders

- Minimize misperceptions by the public about the value of PPP
- Mayor to deliver a champion project addressing fiscal challenges in the process
- Example – The Mayor of London for the Central London Congestion Charging PPP Program

### Public sector monetary support

- Provide concessional finance, as in the case of Australia; example \_ The NAIF- Queensland Treasury up to \$5 Billion
- Valuable contribution as in the case of Colombia

### Public sector involvement

- Ongoing monitoring of performance with respect to safety and maintenance as stipulated in contract
- Recourse rights in case of private partner defaults

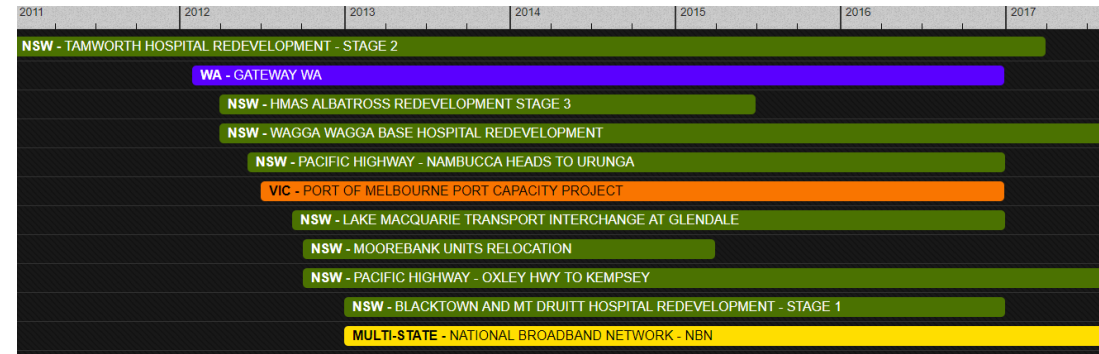


## Transparency

Creating a transparent environment for all active and upcoming projects, as in the case of Australia's National Infrastructure having a construction schedule

### Contract disclosure

- Less than 45 days consistent with government guidelines after the contract becomes effective
- Example - NSW ISFU for Sydney Harbor Tunnel, Hills Motorway (M2)



Source: NICS GOV Australia

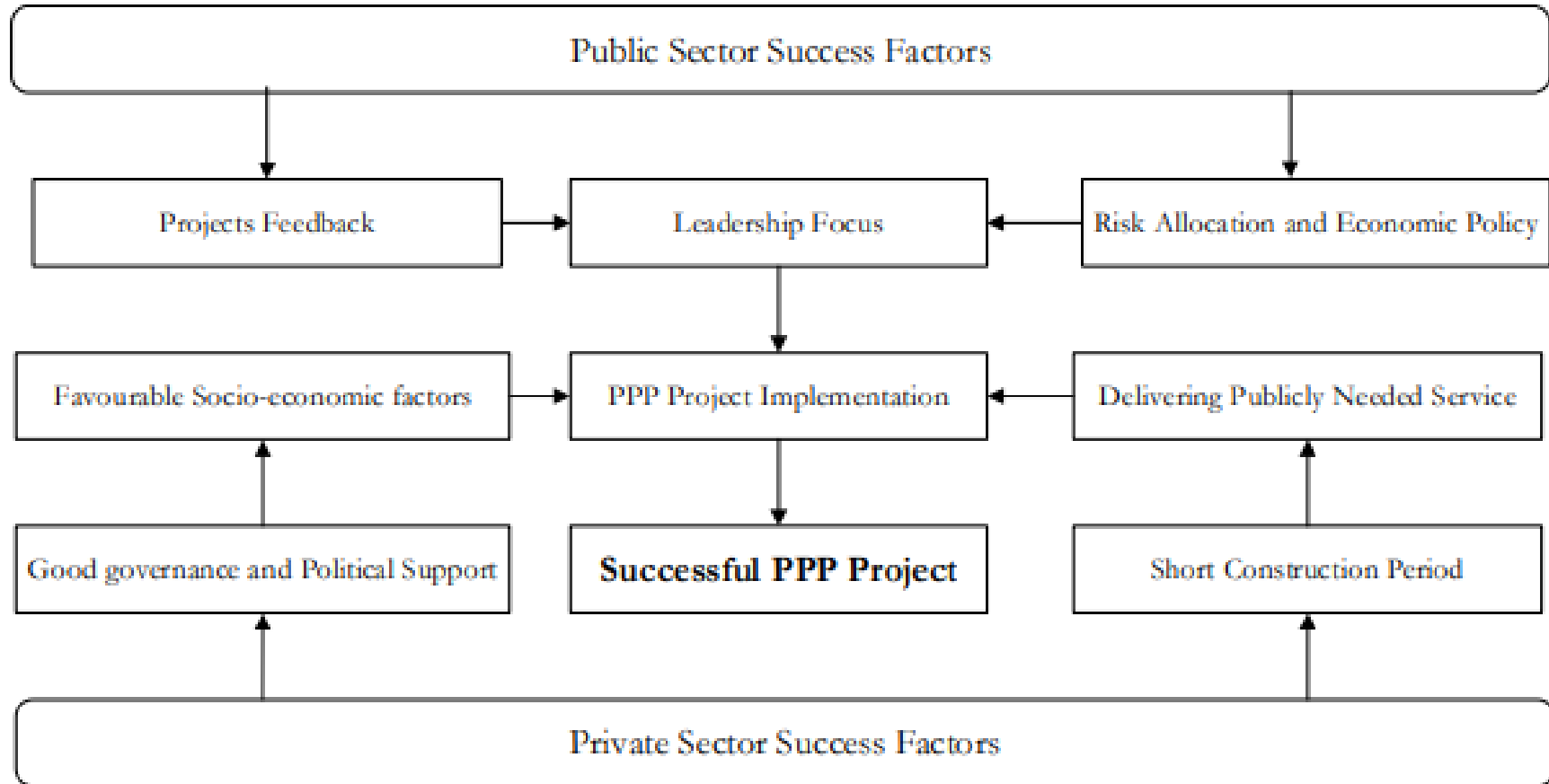
### Encourage strong competitive bids

- International investment as in the case of Australia
- Limited complexity to ensure lower transaction and monitoring costs

### Practitioners guide

- Helps in following the success of different PPP projects in terms of performance flexibility

## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS - COMMUNICATION



*Source: Construction Economics and Buildings*

### Bidding cost refunded

- Percent of losing bids refunded as in the case of Colombia, which will invite more investments



### Raising capital

- Improve finance availability by inviting more participants



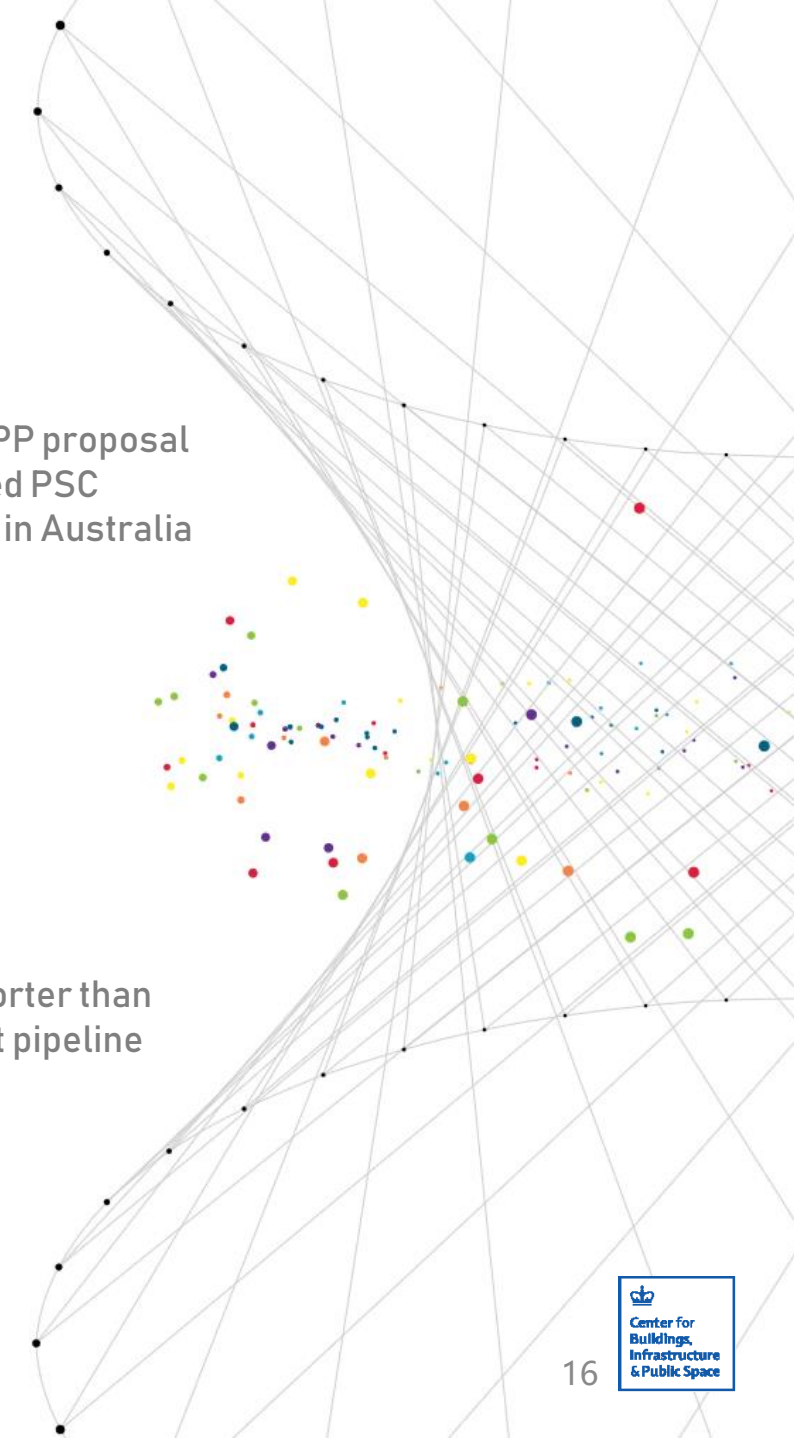
### Public sector comparisons

- Compare outputs and costs of PPP proposal against neutral benchmark called PSC adjusted for risk, for example as in Australia



### Tendering situation

- Australia – the time was 40% shorter than in the UK because of transparent pipeline



# PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS - COMPETITIVE AND TRANSPARENT PROCUREMENT PROCESS

## Unsolicited Proposals

### Private sector motivation

- Intellectual property rights
- Lack of private sector interest
- Cost efficiency
- Speed of project development

### Current systems

- Bonus system
- Swiss challenge system
- Best and final offer system

### Policy choices

- Project development cost
- Time constraints
- Coordination among agencies
- Effective sector planning
- Finding appropriate Incentives

### Need

- Avoids corruption
- Promotes innovation
- Reduces cost
- Allows for systematic planning

### Implementation

- All documents are public
- Evaluation criteria are clear
- Minimum number of bidders

## PART THREE SUCCESSFUL FACTORS – PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMITMENT

### Public requirements

- Permits
- Access to financial markets
- Public support
- Legal framework

### Private requirements

- Cost-effective services
- Work as integrated team
- High-quality standards
- Understand public interest

### Need

- Mitigate political uncertainty
- Long-term leases
- Foster teamwork

### Examples

- Colombia's mitigation of revenue risk
- Pacific Highway upgrade in Australia



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