The P3 Process: How the Arizona Department of Transportation Selects the Developer Team



What is a Public Private Partnership (P3)?



A P3 is a contractual agreement between a government agency, such as the Arizona Department of Transportation, and a private entity, such as a contractor, that allows the private entity to

have greater participation in the delivery of a transportation project.

Why P3?



Using traditional project delivery methods, ADOT bears all of the risks and responsibilities for a project. A P3 procurement gives

ADOT more flexibility in managing projects, and encourages innovation from the private entity. The P3 approach for qualified projects has significant benefits.

P3 Benefits



- Lower transaction costs.
- Expedited delivery.
- Cost certainty.
- → More flexibility in managing projects.
- → Innovation.
- Competitive bidding.

PROJECT IDENTIFICATION AND SELECTION

- ✓ Determine overall project direction and goal.
- ✓ Identify size and scope of project.
- Evaluate and select projects to deliver as P3 projects.

DETAILED PROJECT EVALUATION BEGINS

- ✓ Gather stakeholder input.
- ✓ Refine the project scope.
- ✓ Conduct a cost/ benefit analysis.
- ✓ Conduct a risk/ cost analysis.
- Establish the type of P3 delivery method, such as Design-Build, Design-Build-Operate-Maintain, or Design-Build-Operate-Maintain-Finance.

PROCUREMENT PROCESS BEGINS

ADOT generally follows a two-step process for bids: 1) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and then 2) Request for Proposals (RFP).

- ✓ After the RFQ is issued, respondents are evaluated on their experience with multiple aspects of completing comparable projects. Outside consultants, experts and/or other government agencies assist with evaluations.
- ✓ Eligible proposers then receive an RFP.
- ✓ A "short list" of qualified-proposer finalists are selected from the list of eligible proposers that submitted an RFP.*
- ✓ The finalists are reviewed and the final Developer team is recommended based on the "best value" bid, determined by factors such as price, qualifications/experience of the team and the team's technical approach.

*Proposers can identify portions of a proposal or other submission considered to be trade secrets or confidential commercial, financial or proprietary information. This facilitates competitive bidding, innovation and flexibility; encourages proposers to engage in public private partnerships; and ultimately identifies the "best value" bid.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

This process determines the contract dollar amount the Developer will be paid and the specific work the Developer must complete in a specific time frame.





ADOT DIRECTOR APPROVES THE SELECTION



NOTICE TO PROCEED IS ISSUED — **PROJECT ENTERS ITS DELIVERY PHASE**