



NCPMP Announces Winners of 2016 National Public-Private Partnership Awards

Exemplary Projects and Visionary Leaders Recognized for Achievements

WASHINGTON, DC (June 9, 2016) — The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships (NCPMP), the leading association in the field, is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 National Public-Private Partnership Awards. Once again this year, NCPMP recognizes exemplary projects and visionary leaders for achievement in public-private partnerships (P3s) in four categories.

“NCPMP recognizes those organizations and individuals that advance the concept and implementation of public-private partnerships across the country,” said NCPMP President Sandra Sullivan. “We are proud to recognize innovators and leaders whose work serves as exemplary partnership models.”

A summary list of the winners and all of the partners to be recognized for their achievements is included at the end of this announcement.

Award Profiles

The [Excellence in Individual Leadership Award](#) honors exceptional leadership in the development and delivery of a P3 project. **The 2016 winner is John G. Picerne, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Corvias Group.**

John Picerne pioneered a unique financial model that addresses partner challenges, both immediate and future, through long-term relationships. Among the first companies selected for the U.S. Army’s military housing privatization program, Picerne’s Corvias Military Living established 50-year relationships with seven bases across the country. The success of this initial effort led to Corvias’s selection by the U.S. Air Force to privatize housing at six of its installations. Identifying similarities between the facilities and infrastructure challenges the military and higher education institutions are facing, Picerne founded Corvias Campus Living, which is dedicated to upgrading and replacing the aging housing stock at colleges and universities. More recently, Picerne expanded Corvias again with the infrastructure and regulation compliance-focused Corvias Solutions. This entity has worked closely with Prince George’s County, Maryland, to develop the innovative Clean Water Partnership that is addressing the County’s stormwater runoff requirements more efficiently and economically than traditional methods while boosting local economic development. Picerne’s approach to P3s is innovative and beneficial for the partner from a financial perspective, but these partnerships also have achieved improved quality of life for military members and families, safe and affordable student housing, and economic opportunities.

The Infrastructure Project Award recognizes a successful project developed using a P3 that also represents an introduction of design improvements with the type of project or the development of superior new products. **The 2016 winners are Presidio Parkway in California and the Grand Parkway Project in Texas.**

The Presidio Parkway project is a \$1.1 billion replacement of San Francisco's Doyle Drive, the heavily traveled southern entry point to the Golden Gate Bridge. The project made history as the first transportation public-private partnership under 2009 California legislation enabling P3s for the delivery and financing of transportation projects. The California Department of Transportation and Golden Link Concessionaire LLC signed a 30-year agreement through which the consortium will design, build, finance, operate and maintain the Presidio Parkway for 30 years. The new roadway, which opened to traffic in July 2015, features extensive seismic upgrades, two sets of short tunnels, a wide landscaped median, enhanced pedestrian access and improved traffic transitions onto city streets. The project also had to take into account a wide array of historic preservation and environmental issues involving the historic Presidio, a 150-year-old former U.S. Army base-turned-national park. The Presidio Parkway design provides new direct access to the Presidio, reducing traffic detours through adjacent city neighborhoods.

Developed as a public-private partnership among the Texas Department of Transportation, Zachry-Odebrecht Parkway Builders and CH2M, the Grand Parkway Project is a 184-mile highway around the greater Houston area spread across seven counties. The project is an outer loop around the Houston metropolitan area meant to improve connectivity within the existing highway network, reduce transportation congestion and enhance mobility and travel options, reduce unsafe "stop-and-go" conditions, and accommodate demographic and economic growth. The project is divided into 11 segments, six of which have been completed and opened to traffic. Two segments of the system were constructed under five different design-bid-build contracts, and three others were built as part of a single design-build comprehensive development agreement. The design-build contract unified the flow of work from conception to completion for faster delivery, lower costs and better design. The public-private partnership also streamlined coordination with federal, state and local stakeholders.

The Innovation Project Award recognizes an original concept that demonstrates a significant advance in the field of P3s. **The 2016 winners are the Transformational Mixed-Use Developments at Drexel University and Lot 31 — The Darcy and The Flats at Bethesda Avenue.**

A five-year, multi-project partnership between American Campus Communities and Drexel University, a private top-tier research institution in West Philadelphia, illustrates the innovative application of the public-private partnership model to advance the strategic goals of both partners, while also benefiting the general well-being of the public at large through the introduction of vibrant mixed-use spaces. Drexel University partnered with the nation's leading student housing provider American Campus Communities to dramatically expand its student housing portfolio and transform the surrounding neighborhood with

retail outlets in a three-phased project valued at more than \$345 million. A key component of this undertaking has been an efficient and highly productive P3 that created student housing to draw students back into university housing thereby restoring residential spaces within neighboring communities for use by non-students. Working together to deliver three mixed-use phases of development and an ongoing operational agreement, the partnership has delivered more than 1.4 million square feet of development, increased Drexel's housing portfolio by almost 80 percent with the addition of 3,200 residential beds and introduced more than 60,000 square feet of attractive urban retail space into the neighborhood. The creation of attractive on-campus housing is returning neighborhoods that had become burdened by student renters back to their original intended use as residential neighborhoods along with their associated infrastructure of schools, parks and community spaces.

In the heart of renowned Bethesda Row area of Bethesda, Md., Lot 31 is a textbook model of urban infill development and public-private collaboration. More than a decade in the making, the joint venture of StonebridgeCarras and PN Hoffman worked closely with Montgomery County to redevelop two surface parking lots into a vibrant mixed-use development that addressed a critical shortage for public parking. This innovative P3 project combined creative financing and an outstanding public-private working relationship. The project features two highly successful residential buildings, The Darcy and The Flats at Bethesda Avenue, that combined have 250 units of housing, one-quarter of which are affordable units. The project also provided 40,000 square feet of retail, significant improvements to the adjacent Capital Crescent Trail (a popular 11-mile-long path for runners and cyclists) and open space. The transit-oriented development reflects the latest concepts in sustainability and creative urban planning.

The Service Project Award recognizes a successful P3 service delivery that represents delivery improvements or superior new services. **The 2016 winner is the NYC SAFE Disposal Program.**

The New York City Department of Sanitation and Veolia North America have teamed up since 2012 to host NYC SAFE Disposal Program events, the largest residential household hazardous waste collection program in the world. With more than 8.4 million residents, New York City is home to an enormous amount of household hazardous waste, including batteries, latex paint, insecticides, motor oil, bleach and expired medications. Improper disposal of this waste puts people and pets at risk from accidental ingestion, and contaminates soil, groundwater, surface water and wastewater treatment systems alike. Through events in all five boroughs, city residents can safely and properly dispose of harmful materials. During the past four years, 646 tons of waste have been collected. Veolia employs innovative recycling and reclamation processes to turn the waste into reusable byproducts, aiding the city in sustainably managing the earth's resources.

Winners of the 2016 National Public-Private Partnership Awards will be honored during a special ceremony at NCPPP's annual conference, P3Connect 2016, on June 28 in Chicago.

Awards Summary

Excellence in Individual Leadership Award

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Infrastructure Project Award

Presidio Parkway

- Project Partners:
 - Arup
 - California Department of Transportation
 - KPMG
 - Nossaman
 - Parsons Brinckerhoff
 - San Francisco County Transportation Authority
 - Sperry Capital

Grand Parkway Project

- Project Partners:
 - CH2M, Inc.
 - Texas Department of Transportation/Grand Parkway Transportation Corporation
 - Zachry-Odebrecht Parkway Builders Joint Venture

Innovation Project Award

Transformational Mixed-Use Developments at Drexel University

- Project Partners:
 - American Campus Communities
 - Drexel University

Lot 31 — The Darcy and The Flats at Bethesda Avenue

- Project Partners:
 - Montgomery County (Maryland) Department of Transportation
 - Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance
 - PN Hoffman
 - StonebridgeCarras

Service Project Award

NYC SAFE Disposal Event

- Project Partners:
 - The New York City Department of Sanitation
 - Veolia North America

About NCPPP

NCPPP is a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1985. The Council is a forum for the brightest ideas and innovators in the partnership arena. Its growing list of public- and private-sector members, with experience in a wide variety of public-private partnership arrangements, and its diverse training and public education programs represent vital core resources for partnering nationwide. NCPPP members bring an unmatched dedication to providing the most productive and cost-effective public services.

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