Agenda

The Potential Role of Private Finance in Federal Building Construction

In the face of competing budget priorities and constrained revenues, many nations have turned to the private sector to provide financing for public buildings and other needed infrastructure projects. The U.S., however, has been slow to engage the private sector in financing “social infrastructure” that is not readily supported by user fees despite well-documented benefits. The Federal Facilities Council (FFC) and the International Project Finance Association (IPFA) are co-sponsoring this event to explore the opportunities that exist for private financial participation in Federal building construction, barriers (perceived and real) to such private involvement, and to identify what needs to occur at the legislative and regulatory level to increase opportunities for the beneficial involvement of the private sector.

1:00 pm Welcome and Overview

  FFC representative
  IPFA representative

1:10 pm Keynote Address: Why There’s a Need for Change

  Rep. John Duncan, (R-TN), House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
  (to be invited)

1:30 pm Panel Discussion I: A Perspective on Federal Procurement of Capital Projects

Moderator: Richard G. Little, former director, USC Keston Institute for Infrastructure (confirmed)

  Pauline Thorndike, PM Alternative Financing, USACE (confirmed)

  Dorothy Robyn, former Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA (confirmed)

  Additional panelist TBD

2:30 pm Panel Discussion II: Social Infrastructure and Private Finance

Moderator: Andrew N. Garbutt, KPMG (confirmed)

  Scott Derby, Senior Investment Director, Asset Management, Meridiam Infrastructure (confirmed)

  Larry Blain, Senior Director, Global Infrastructure Advisory, KPMG Canada (confirmed)
3:30 pm  **Panel Discussion III: How Can Deals Get Done?**

Moderator: Eric S. Petersen, Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP (confirmed)

Members of Panels I and II

4:30 pm  **Closing Remarks**

4:45 pm  **Networking Reception**