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Civic Engagement in the Procurement and Management of Public Private Partnerships for Infrastructure Development

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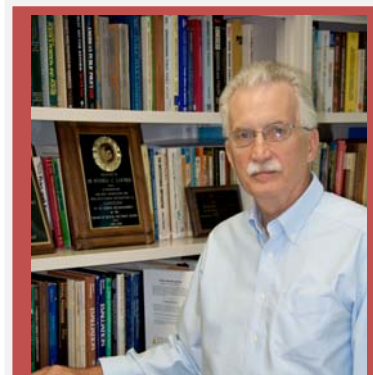
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The creation of public private partnerships (PPP)'s for infrastructure development in the United States has recently increased as more state and local governments realize their benefits in alternative means of financing new road and bridge construction. Long term leases, however, pose significant risks, as traditional means and mechanisms designed to ensure that private contractors act in the public interest are inadequate in the face of the vastly more complex PPP arrangements. In many cases procurement officials as well as public managers do not have the requisite knowledge to 1) clearly identify program goals, project objectives, and specifications; 2) use evaluation or selection criteria that are valid enough to choose the best private partner; and most important 3) cannot effectively administer contracts and monitor private partner performance over a multigenerational time period. These risks have led to an increased call for greater citizen/customer awareness and engagement to ensure greater acceptance of the final product, e.g., a toll financed roadway. Our presentation will assess the effectiveness of existing citizen participation mechanisms, e.g. those relevant to transportation planning. We will also propose additional engagement citizen roles and structures, drawing from experiences in public procurement and other policy areas.

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