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Today's Agenda

- Understanding the Purpose and Key Elements of a Business Case
- Components of the Business Case
- Best Practices for Procurement







Important Questions to Ask

- What is the purpose of the project?
- What is the public need?
- Define the objectives by which project success will be measured
- Why are you considering a PPP?





Business Case in PPPs

- What is a business case?
- Why is a business case important?
- Where does a business case come up into the PPP lifecycle?







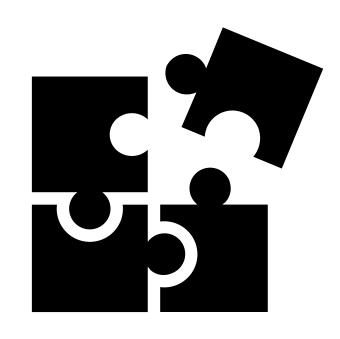
Purpose of a Business Case

- Provide structured thinking about scope/purpose of a project
- Maximize public value
- Ensure project is commercially viable & can be successfully delivered
- Define how project success is going to be measured (model for structuring deal and contract)



Components of a Business Case

- Strategic Case
- Economic Case
- Commercial Case
- Financial Case/Value for Money
- Management Case





Strategic Case

- Make the case for change & demonstrate how it provides strategic fit
- Setting SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time constrained) goals
- What is the public receptivity?
- Understand and Question:
 - Business as usual (BAU)
 - Business needs
 - Potential scope
 - Benefits
 - Risks
 - Constraints
 - Dependencies





Economic Case

- Identify the proposal that delivers the best public value to society
 - May not be via PPP Could be another delivery method
- Shortlist options
 - Identify & include a realistic and achievable "do minimum" that meets essential requirements
 - Include "Business as Usual" option
- Subject the options to cost benefit analysis (CBA)



Commercial Case

- Demonstrate the preferred option that will result in a viable procurement and well-structured deal
- Understand the procurement strategy and route
 - Who makes the decision—is someone making a decision?
 - What decisions need to be made? When?
 - Do you use an RfP, RfQ, Letter of Intent, etc.?
 - What are evaluation criteria? Are they properly communicated to bidders?
 - Are they objective and non-political/non-subjective?
- Need to attract the private market place
- Is the rest of the regulatory regime something the private sector can work with?
- Should you consider unsolicited proposals?

Financial Case/Value for Money

- Demonstrate the affordability and funding of the preferred option
- Identify and resolve any potential funding gaps during the lifetime of the scheme
- Is debt or equity available? How much? At what cost?
- From where will funding come?
 - Project based finance
 - Tax increment financing
 - Grants / loans / bonds
 - Lease payments
 - Tax/energy/operations savings





Management Case

- Is the government prepared to oversee or enter into this long-term contractual relationship? Do they have the mechanisms in place to meet their side of the agreement for the life-cycle of the project?
- Is the government culture compatible with PPPs?
- Identify & involve key stakeholders early & at all stages of project
- Involve owner's senior leadership & get their commitment to the process
 - PROJECT CHAMPION!



Best Practices for Procurement

- Procurement plan should enhance collaboration with private sector
 - Focus on qualifications & experience not just on price
 - Encourage early participation of key trades in procurement process
 - Owner should meet with teams before RfQ to develop ideas
 - Maximize performance-based requirements & minimize specific design requirements





Best Practices for Procurement

- Limit deliverables required as part of bid package
 - Consider two-phase procurement:
 - 1. Short list based upon qualifications
 - 2. RfP with preliminary design & financial submittals
- Consider whether to attach draft contract to RfP or just a term sheet
- Consider how to protect bidders' proprietary information from public records disclosure obligations



Best Practices for Procurement

- Evaluation committee should include most qualified people from all areas impacted by the project to evaluate technical aspects of bids, as well as price
- Limit procurement to 3-4 proposers to receive the RfP or to be short listed from the RfQ
- Consider timing of procurement schedule to give bidders adequate response time



Upcoming Webinars

- Unsolicited Proposals
- Financial Modeling
- Life Cycle Costs
- Project Agreements

