



## Larry Blain named P3 Champion at national conference

Leadership results in global recognition for BC public-private partnerships

**(November 24, 2010) Toronto, Ontario** – Larry Blain, Chair of Partnerships BC, has been named the recipient of the 2010 Champion Award at the presentation of the National Awards for Innovation and Excellence by The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP).

Each year, at its annual conference, CCPPP celebrates successful Canadian public-private partnership (P3) projects by showcasing governments and private-sector partners that have demonstrated excellence and innovation in establishing P3 projects. In addition to project awards, CCPPP names a P3 Champion on a merit basis.

As a result of Blain's leadership, Partnerships BC is recognized internationally for innovation in the procurement of performance-based infrastructure. In addition, he has worked tirelessly with other Canadian jurisdictions to promote consistency in the development and application of best procurement practices to ensure both the British Columbia (B.C.) and broader Canadian market remain attractive to market participants.

Blain's credibility in the partnership market is a key factor in companies continuing to bid for projects during tough economic times. Through years of outreach and consultation, Larry has ensured market confidence in B.C. and market participants choose B.C. as a good place to do business because the procurement process is efficient, consistent, fair, competitive and transparent.

"I am very honoured to receive this award and it is a privilege to be in the company of past recipients." said Larry Blain, "It has been such a great experience working with the people at Partnerships BC and across Canada. It's the best job I've ever had!"

Prior to his appointment as Chair of the Partnerships BC Board of Directors, Blain served as President and CEO of Partnerships BC from January 2003 to 2010. During this time, Partnerships BC participated in more than 35 partnership projects with an investment value of \$12.5 billion, of which \$5 billion is private capital. Many projects are now operational and each was completed on or ahead of schedule and within budget.

B.C. partnership projects have received a total of 30 provincial, national and international awards of recognition for innovation and excellence. The province's partnership program has become a proven approach to managing the procurement of large, complex, capital projects.

The Champion Award was presented at CCPPP's annual conference, held in Toronto on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, where more than 950 participants shared experiences and best practices related to public-private partnerships (P3s). A P3 project is defined as a cooperative venture between the public and private sectors, built on the expertise of each partner that best meets clearly defined public needs through the appropriate

allocation of resources, risks and rewards. The ownership of P3 projects always remains with the public sector.

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To view the CCPPP Database of over 150 P3 projects operating or in development across Canada, please visit <http://projects.pppcouncil.ca>.