Public Private Partnership (PPP) in Port Development

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Legal

• Belize Port Authority Act Chapter 233
• Overall guidelines and tariff structure
• Enacted in 1980
• Amended in 2000
• Laws were developed for the Public Sector
• Consideration for amendments are needed
• Ports are now Private Sector entities
Public Private Sector

• Initiative to collaborate and build confidence
• Establish laws and guidelines to suit Private Sector investment initiatives
• Private Sector now drives Port development
• Need for enabling and predictable landscape
• Need to fully understand what is available and possible in moving cargo
• Cost, logistics, shipping routes.....
Port Development Opportunities

- Trade volumes at a minimum in Belize
- Opportunities for transhipment cargo
- Logistical Terminals
- Bulk Facility
- Cruise Docking Facility
- Huge opportunities for Port Developments
- Key aspects of PPP Port Developments
Port Development Benefits

- Social development
- Environmental impact
- Strategic development
- Integration to world economic markets
- Employment opportunities
- Various degree of economic benefit to Belize
- Not just economy, but social function
- Influence on employees and indirect benefactors
Port Development - Cruise

- Ports are capital intensive infrastructure
- Major tourist destination
- Belize one of a few ports with no docking facility
- Several cruise docking projects by different stakeholders
- Need for proper PPP dialogue
Port Development - Bulk

- Lacking in area of Bulk cargo facility
- Would create major opportunity for exports
- Foreign Exchange earnings for Belize
- High cost of Containerize cargo vs Bulk cargo
- External market affected by high cost
Public Private Dialogue

- Two main port infrastructure limitations
- Presentations made to Government
- Provides for solid PPP dialogue
- These developments should be priority
- PPP dialogue must continue to move future Port developments forward
Current Port Infrastructures

- Public Sector port studies being conducted
- 2 main port facilities already exist
- Significant investment continues by the 2 existing port facilities
- Further expansions should be PPP developments
- Translates into PPP port development concept
PPP Development Considerations

• Dredging
• Infrastructure development
• Investment incentives
• Development concessions
• EIA
• EPZ
• Logistical Terminal
• Value added opportunities
Impact of Port Investments

• Local economic development
• Commerce
• Value added incentives
• Employment
• Taxation revenues
• Return on Investments (ROI)
• Promotes the Welfare of a Nation
Importance of PPP Development

• Confidence developed between sectors
• Capital Intensive infrastructure cost
• Risks & Rewards shared between sectors
• Generates economic, social & international benefits for both sectors
• Develops country of Belize
Belize – Strategically located

• Located between Central America & Caribbean
• Fully integrated shipping route to USA
• “Economic Roadway” between these regions
• Opportunities can be limitless
• Port facilities that encompass containerized, bulk and cruise
• “Total Port Infrastructure” solution.
Conclusion

• The need for real and serious PPP Port Development remains an urgent step forward if Belize is to move ahead in the global Port industry.

• The Port of Belize remains committed to the continued development of Belize as “A Port with a Global Perspective”
THANK YOU