Forthcoming Meeting

First Announcement

CIB TG72/ARCOM Doctoral Research Workshop

Public Private Partnerships

Wednesday 12 October 2011 in Preston, UK

Background

Public Private Partnerships are now commonly used in the many countries across the world to accelerate economic growth, development and infrastructure delivery and to achieve quality service delivery and good governance. Given the changing economic, social and political environment, coupled with globalisation and budgetary constraints, PPP has become unavoidable and indeed desirable by countries. Many developing countries, and indeed others with limited financial resources, still look to PPPs as an alternative source for financing much needed infrastructure such as roads and bridges. However, many developed countries have transitioned to a new wave of PPPs that focus heavily on achieving ‘value for money’ by mobilising private sector efficiencies, innovations and flexibilities in delivering both infrastructure and services to a more discerning public.

Given the importance of PPP to many nations and because of many challenges associated with its implementation, research in PPP has continued to grow. Specific PPP related issues covered by research and related publications include: PPP Structures, Systems & Mechanisms, stakeholder management, project and corporate financing; risk and value management; market analysis, modelling and forecast; relational management, sustainability framework, project management, sustainable procurement strategies, capital structure decisions and management; statutory regulations in the PPP environment; developed and developing countries issues; transaction management, design quality, legal and contractual requirements, role of financial and insurance sectors; institutional and multilateral funding etc.

Workshop

We are pleased to announce a joint CIB TG72 and ARCOM Doctoral Research Workshop to explore on-going research in PPP across these diverse issues. This event will provide an opportunity for all interested ARCOM members and researchers to engage in the workshop. The research presentations will facilitate discussions on aspects of research methodological approaches, data collection and analysis, perceived research outcomes and contributions to the body of knowledge, which while focused on PPP will also interface with related knowledge domains in procurement and performance.

All construction management doctoral researchers are welcome to attend, and especially those working in the field of Public Private Partnership. Researchers at various stages of their PhD studies are invited to
prepare a short paper and present an outline of their work. Collective discussion sessions will also take place to consider researchers’ work and findings. There is no charge for attendance at workshop, and buffet lunches and refreshments will be provided. There are a limited number of travel bursaries available for PhD researchers who are ARCOM members and who would otherwise not be able to attend.

Eminent keynote speakers will be invited to provide insights into public private partnership and specific challenges for infrastructure and facilities development.

**Paper Submission**

If you wish to present a paper, please send a brief abstract of no more than 200 words to Dr Champika, Liyanage CLLiyanage@uclan.ac.uk by the 15th August 2011.

Full papers (maximum 6 pages) will be requested by the 15th September, 2011 to produce a proceeding of the workshop.

**Doctoral Workshop Organisers**

The doctoral workshop organisers are:

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**Additional Information**

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