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ANNUAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AWARDS RECIPIENTS NAMED

October 10, 2008 – Arlington, VA: The National Council for Public-Private Partnerships (NCPPP) has completed the selection process for this year's awards for outstanding leadership and projects in the field of public-private partnerships (PPPs). These awards recognize exemplary projects and services that illustrate the best practices and innovative approaches in the use of PPPs. These contractual arrangements provide a means for combining the strengths of each sector for the most cost effective delivery of services and infrastructure, while maintaining an appropriate level of public control.

Reflecting the growing interest in this tool for meeting public needs, this year saw a fifty percent (50%) increase in the number of nominations. In addition, the Awards Committee also has decided to name a recipient for the Distinguished Leadership Award, an action that is not taken each year. This award recognizes exceptional individual actions in support of the use of PPPs.

The NCPPP Awards Committee is composed of nationally recognized authorities in the use of public-private partnerships, representing the wide range of applications of this tool. Award recipients are selected in a very competitive process for several categories. This year's recipients are:

Distinguished Leadership Award – Pete Rahn, Director, Missouri Department of Transportation and President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), for his promotion of PPPs in state governments and national associations.

Innovation Awards – in recognition of new approaches in the use of PPPs:

- Cambridge Energy Alliance Initiative (Cambridge, MA), Clean Energy Solutions and Bostonia Partners LLC, for the Cambridge Energy Alliance, a city-wide energy efficiency and clean energy initiative
- Tampa Bay Water and American Water for the Tampa Bay Seawater Desalination Plant for a potable water supply
- Virginia Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services and Gilbane Development Company, for the Hancock Geriatric Treatment Center in Williamsburg, VA and the continuous operation of the facility during substantial reconfiguration.

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Infrastructure Awards – in recognition of outstanding projects developed with the use of PPPs:

- The Virginia Department of Corrections and Balfour Beatty Construction, for new facilities at the Green Rock and Pocahontas Correctional Centers
- US. Army Enhanced Use Leasing Program, Chevron Energy Solutions and Keenan Development Associates, for the National Inter-Agency Biodefense Campus's high-quality and secure utilities project

Service Awards – in recognition for years of continuous and outstanding service through the use of PPPs:

- City of Gresham, Oregon and Veolia Water North America, for a full life-cycle cost approach for a wastewater and co-generation facility
- City of Indianapolis, Indiana and United Water, for 14 years of continuous service and a recent contract extension to 2017.

Several of these projects will be featured in the NCPPP Annual Meeting program, to be held in Indianapolis on November 20-21. More details on the program are available on the NCPPP Website.

Presentation of the awards will be made on November 20 at the NCPPP Annual Awards Banquet, held in conjunction with the Council's Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, IN. The NCPPP is a non-profit educational institute with membership from both public and private sectors, that promotes the use of PPPs where appropriate and the use of their best practices. Information about the Council and its activities can be found at www.ncppp.org.

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