

RBI's President Wally Budgell Speaks at CCPPP Conference

2012 CCPPP National Conference - "The Power in Partnership"

The Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships (CCPPP) held their 20th Annual National Conference at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto on November 26th & 27th 2012.

As stated on CCPPP's website:

"All levels of government across the country are now recognizing the power in partnership that the P3 model provides. With Canada considered to be "best in class" in the global P3 market, there was much to celebrate and much to share about how to take P3 to the next level both here at home and outside our borders. Canada's P3 leaders gathered in Toronto to mark 20 years of Canadian P3 success at this special two-day event."

Wally Budgell, President of Robertson Bright Inc. (RBI) a long standing electrical and communications contractor in the design-build market was invited to participate in a round table discussion on day two of the conference entitled "Bringing Small Players into the P3 World"

The premise for the open discussion was that there is a presumption among many small contractors and consultants that the scale, complexity and risk profile of P3s favour multi-national companies with deep pockets. The dialogue that followed sought to answer questions such as: What are some of the concerns that smaller contractors have and what can the market and governments do to help alleviate those fears and encourage greater local participation?

During the conversation Mr. Budgell was quoted as saying: *"We were fortunate that we were involved in smaller design-build contracts for 25 years and had a strong relationship with EllisDon. When the opportunity came to join a pursuit team, we used what we learned and also leaned on their expertise to bring it all together."*

Further information related to this session can be found on the DCN link:

<http://www.dailycommercialnews.com/article/id53290/--does-size-matter-small-players-and-the-p3-world>



L to R: Keith Sashaw, President, Vancouver Regional Construction Association

Dave Klassen, Director of Design-Build, EllisDon Corporation

Wally Budgell, President, Robertson Bright Inc.

Moderator: John McArthur, President, Kiewit Development Company & Director, CCPPP



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