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Mary Scott Nabers at IBTTA

Strategic Partnerships Inc. (SPI) CEO confirmed as panelist alongside Henry Cisneros at the International Bridge, Turnpike and Tunnel Association (IBTTA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition

AUSTIN, TX (7/29/2014) - Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc. and co-founder of the Gemini Global Group, has been confirmed as a panelist at the International Bridge, Turnpike and Tunnel Association (IBTTA) Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Austin, Texas, on Sept. 14-17.

The panel, "Staying Competitive in the 21st Century: A Roundtable Discussion," will explore innovative development and financing options for major public transportation infrastructure projects. Nabers is a panelist alongside Henry Cisneros, co-chair Bipartisan Policy Center's Housing Commission and Immigration Task Force, and former Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell, co-chair of Building America's Future. Cisneros is also former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and former mayor of San Antonio. The panel will be moderated by Evan Smith, editor in chief and CEO of The Texas Tribune.

This is the 82nd year for the annual event, which brings transportation officials together from around the world to share ideas and industry techniques that participants can apply to operations in their respective communities. The 2014 Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be hosted by the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority (CTRMA) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Mike Heiligenstein, CTRMA's executive director and 2014 IBTTA president, plans to focus the 2014 meeting on "cutting-edge insights from the Texas experience with a deep dive into the wider world of tolling."

In speaking with more details about the sessions available to IBTTA participants, Heiligenstein said, "Special emphasis will be placed on the collaborative approach between agencies, the business community and key stakeholders." This is the expertise Nabers will bring to the panel as she does in her book, *Collaboration Nation*, which makes the case for how public-private partnerships are revolutionizing the business of government.

More than 800 delegates are expected from transportation authorities and corporations from across the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia.

About Strategic Partnerships, Inc.:

SPI is a full-service procurement consulting firm. SPI is recognized as a pioneer in the business of partnering public and private entities for commercial purposes. SPI was founded by Mary Scott Nabers, a published expert on public-private partnerships (P3s). For more information, contact SPI at 512-531-3900 or by visiting <u>www.spartnerships.com</u>.