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## **Nabers preparing for two upcoming national P3 events**

*D.C. event focuses on transportation; Higher education topic in San Diego summit*

AUSTIN, TX (7-5-16) – Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc. and a recognized public-private partnership (P3/PPP) expert, is preparing for a pair of upcoming national P3/PPP events that will focus on higher education and transportation.

“The increasing number of P3 conferences throughout the country in recent years and the growing number of participants indicate a mounting interest in these collaborative efforts,” said Nabers, a frequent speaker and presenter at P3 conferences and events nationwide. “In the wake of a slowly recovering economy after the Great Recession, the public sector continues to fall short on revenue for many large, expensive projects while private capital is abundant and private-sector firms are eager to invest.”

The first of the two conferences, “The Long and Winding Road to Smart City P3s” workshop, is slated for Sept. 15 in Washington, D.C., and is co-hosted by *Smart and Resilient Cities* and *Meeting of the Minds*. “The P3 Higher Education Summit” will be held in San Diego on Oct. 3 and 4.

The transportation workshop will be a two-panel format over a half day and will examine the role of public-private partnerships as an alternative funding source for modern transportation infrastructure portfolios. Following opening remarks by U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx, the two panels will address a successful P3 project from project concept to implementation and ownership to financing. The second panel will address best practices, project risks and the do’s and don’ts of P3 projects.

"This conference will include high-ranking officials and decision-makers from both the public and private sectors," said Nabers, "all of whom have an interest in learning more about P3s and how these collaborations can lead to solutions related to the transportation sector."

The higher education P3 summit will not only focus on successful P3s related to student housing, but also the expansion of public-private partnerships for other major projects on college and university campuses. Also to be addressed are new and evolving trends in procurement, credit impacts, risks and more.

"Many of today's university campuses are facing the need for either expansion of facilities because of increasing student populations or for renovation of aging structures," said Nabers. "P3s are becoming the financial vehicle of choice for many of these campuses."

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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 [www.spartnerships.com](http://www.spartnerships.com).