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## **Nabers to moderate panel on P3s at InvestH2O event** *Austin conference to focus on investment opportunities in Texas water marketplace*

AUSTIN, TX (5-20-16) – Mary Scott Nabers, president and CEO of Strategic Partnerships, Inc. and co-founder of the Gemini Global Group, will moderate a keynote panel of the upcoming InvestH2O 2016: Texas' Water Technology & Innovation Investor Forum in Austin. The event is scheduled for June 16 and 17.

The panel will discuss financing of public-private partnerships and alternative funding methods such as P3s. Widely recognized as an expert on public-private partnerships (P3s/PPPs) and author of [\*Collaboration Nation – How Public-Private Ventures Are Revolutionizing the Business of Government\*](#), Nabers will facilitate the panel discussion regarding how Texas can be a leader in the P3 industry. The panelists will discuss P3 scenarios for projects in the \$25 million to \$150 million-and-above range as well as P3 structures and new models.

"A \$9 billion water technology marketplace exists in Texas," said Nabers, "and many of the large-scale, \$25 million to \$100 million projects lend themselves to public-private partnerships. With alternate sources of funding like P3s, Texas could set a course for becoming a global leader in water innovation."

The InvestH2O event is an invitation-only forum of global, national and statewide investment expertise. This year's event marks the second such gathering and will provide updates on last year's forum relative to technology, infrastructure and investing strategies. It will also examine large upcoming projects, institutional strategies and unique P3 opportunities.

The goal of the forum is to provide the exchange of information and ideas regarding experiences, successes and failures and opportunities to invest in Texas projects that focus on desalination, reuse, conservation and "smart water" technologies.

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