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The Build America Transportation Investment Center (BATIC) Institute: an AASHTO Center for Excellence enhances taxpayer value from transportation investment by promoting public sector capacity building in the analysis, understanding, and use of project finance techniques through a program of training, sharing of best practices, and technical assistance to all State Departments of Transportation and their local partner agencies.



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FinancingTransportation.org

Goals

The goals of the BATIC Institute are to increase the capacity of policymakers and project sponsors including state DOTs and local partner agencies to:

► Understand project finance tools available to all types of projects

An array of financing mechanisms may be available to projects of varying complexity and cost throughout the United States. In partnership with industry leaders, BATIC Institute brings expertise in all forms of innovative finance to be considered in the transportation planning, programming, and project delivery processes. This proficiency helps project sponsors understand the potential of financial tools such as federal credit assistance, bonding, state infrastructure banks, and public-private partnerships.

► Create a sound environment for partnership among project delivery stakeholders

The delivery of much-needed transportation improvements is optimal when public and private sector interests align. BATIC Institute builds technical capacity to support stakeholder collaboration, including communication and engagement, program-level accountability and transparency, and a strong commitment to create public benefit.

► Assess projects for potential delivery via public-private partnership (P3), and if suitable, empower the delivery of projects under this approach.

Early involvement of the private sector can enhance the creativity, efficiency, and capital needed to address complex transportation problems. BATIC Institute provides training that helps State DOTs and local partner agencies assess the suitability of their projects for P3s, which are contracts that allow for greater private sector participation in the financing, delivery, and operation of transportation projects. Key areas of BATIC Institute capacity building include the examination of project risks (including revenue estimates, construction, operation, and maintenance) and the management of contract performance.

Core Services

The BATIC Institute brings a customer-based approach to devising comprehensive training, education, and technical assistance programs. The Institute's most important function is to share information and develop training materials on project finance for surface transportation improvements.

The BATIC Institute will develop and deliver an array of learning platforms for capacity building and training geared toward target audiences with varying levels of technical knowledge and different needs. These products will be developed to address the objectives of the target audiences, their base knowledge, areas of interest, and their preferences for instructor-led or self-directed learning.

IN-PERSON CAPACITY BUILDING

Workshops

Structured gatherings of technical colleagues to exchange information on thematic topics. They often involve panel presentations, question and answer sessions, group exercises, and in some cases, breakout discussion groups to explore narrower topics.

Peer Exchanges

Gatherings of technical experts from different organizations who perform similar technical roles, consultants who support them, academics, and other stakeholders who desire to learn from them.

Workshops/Training Seminars

Teaching forums of customizable length where a team of technical and/or policy experts leads the participants through a series of sessions that begin with background information and then proceed to illustrate the use of different types of analysis or tools, and finally provide detailed how-to information on the actual conduct of analysis or tools for use by practitioners.

Expert Panel Sessions

Roundtable, facilitated discussion among senior personnel from different organizations on a thematic topic.

ONLINE CAPACITY BUILDING

Video Interviews

Video Interviews
One-on-one in-person interviews with leading industry experts, executives and project managers, in which the speaker succinctly address a discrete technical topic or question posed by the interviewer.

Webinars

Interactive, online conferences or workshops where a speaker(s) discusses a technical topic, usually with an accompanying slide presentation, web tour, or video stream. Participants join the webinar from disparate remote locations through an internet connection that allows real-time communication from the sender to multiple receivers.



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