

Evolution of Partnering Contracts - NEC Trial in
Government Projects
Tender Preparation & Administration of NEC Contracts

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- Gearing up for NEC Preparation work
- Making NEC work Administration experience
- Observations



Gearing Up for NEC



- DSD NEC trial covers...
 - Different options
 - ECC Fixed Price (A/B), Target (C/D), TSC, PSC
 - Different nature
 - New projects, maintenance works
 - Different scale
 - Projects of varying complexity and scope
 - Different management structure
 - In-house or consultant-managed

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Preparation Work



- To launch NEC...
 - Choose the right Option
 - Option selection
 - Prepare tender documents
 - Turning Government works policies to NEC form
 - Industry awareness
 - Contractors' forum, pre-tender meeting
- Assistance by NEC Advisers

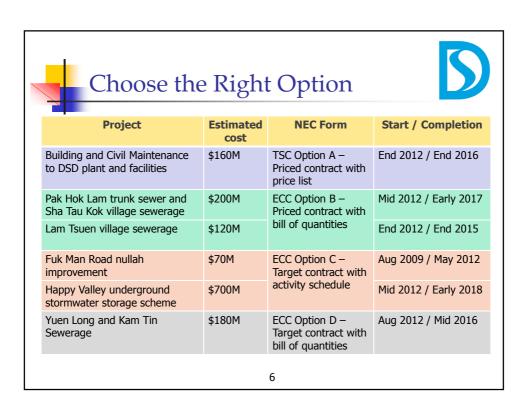


Choose the Right Option



- New projects Engineering and Construction Contract (ECC)
 - Option A / B Fixed price
 - Financial risk more on Contractor
 - Option C / D Target cost
 - · Fairer risk sharing
 - Option E Cost reimbursement
 - Option F Management contract
- Maintenance works Term Service Contract (TSC) Option A – Priced contract

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Choose the Right Option



TSC Option A

- Building and Civil Maintenance to DSD plant and facilities
- Certainty of site areas (within DSD premises)
- Scope of works not certain at tender stage
- Option A Priced contracts with price list
 - · measure using price list

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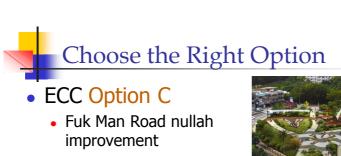


Choose the Right Option



- ECC Option B
 - Pak Hok Lam trunk sewer and Sha Tau Kok village sewerage
 - Lam Tsuen village sewerage
 - Resemblance to conventional approach
 - Familiar

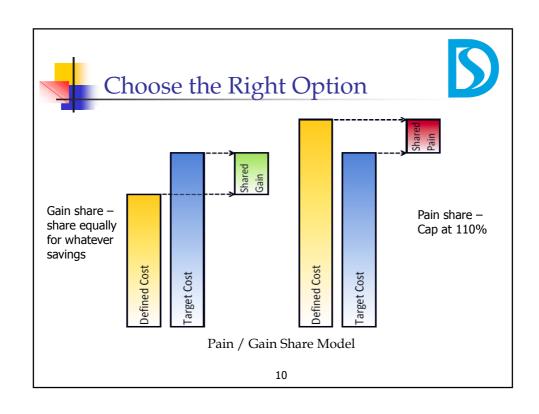




- Happy Valley underground stormwater storage scheme
- Cost saving incentive
- Fair risk sharing









Choose the Right Option



- ECC Option D
 - Yuen Long and Kam Tin Sewerage
 - Cost saving incentive
 - Fair risk sharing
 - Flexibility to use BQ rates for compensation events

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Prepare Tender Documents



- Modifications to NEC core clauses
 - Cash Positive to Negative
 - To suit Government practice



- Inclement weather
 - Adopt GCC criteria
- Subcontracting
 - For Target cost contract, payment on reimbursable basis
 - Introduce tendering requirements
 - incentive to select most competitive offer





Prepare Tender Documents



- Option Z clauses (additional conditions of contract)
 - Select applicable standard policy conditions in GCC/SCC
 - E.g, Safety, labour and wages
 - Some are put in Works
 Information as appropriate



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Industry Awareness



- Before Tender
 - Contractors' forum
 - Invite eligible tenderers
- During Tender



- Tender briefing + dummy tender exercise
 - Enhance understanding
 - E.g., Type of contract (Priced / Target), Fee percentage
 - Ensure correct tender submissions
 - E.g., Proper pricing documents



Making NEC Work – Experience from Fuk Man Road Project



- Training
 - Forming the right team
- Relationship Management
 - Establish a "Partnering" spirit
 - Maintain and improve throughout
- NEC Key Features
 - Risk management
 - Time management
 - Compensation event



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Training



- Training to team members
 - Employer
 - Project Manager
 - Supervisor
 - Contractor
- At design / tender stage
 - Overseas secondment
- Joint training at contract stage



Relationship Management



"10.1 – The Employer, the Contractor, the Project Manager and the Supervisor shall act as stated in this contract and in a spirit of mutual trust and co-operation"

- Establish partnering spirit
 - Start-up partnering workshop
 - Joint NEC training
 - Set up joint office
- Maintain and improve
 - Partnering review
 - Champion Group meeting



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Relationship Management



- Establish partnering spirit
- Start-up workshop to align mutual objectives:
 - Time 6 months ahead
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 - Cost 5% savings
 - Others quality, safety, developing landmark

Supervisor's Assistant Resident

Joint Site Office Engineer



Contractor's Engineer





Maintain and Improve



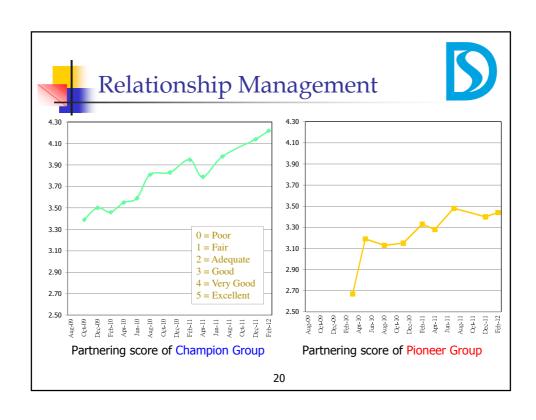
- Bi-monthly Champion Group meeting
 - Open discussion
 - Review Team's performance, including frontline staff (Pioneer Group)



Half-yearly partnering review



 Joint DSD / BV / CW dragon boat team 2011





NEC Key Features



- Risk Management
 - Early Warning
 - The C and PM give an early warning by notifying the other asap
 - Prices
 - Delay Completion
 - Affect quality
 - Risk reduction meeting
 - E.g., change in roundabout layout
- NEC Proactive risk management

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NEC Key Features



- Compensation Event
 - Time frame and sanctions
 - Default acceptance if no reply
- NEC vs GCC
 - Quick settlement (pre-event agreement)
 - Unforeseen physical conditions, inclement weather – compensation events
 - TIME and COST
 - Fairer risk sharing



Observations – Fuk Man Road Project



- Benefits
 - Good working relationship
 - Almost 6 months ahead of contract period,
 5% cost savings
 - Compensation events
 - Expected to resolve all 4 months after completion
 - Early warnings
 - 15 early warnings issued
 - Resolved jointly and promptly



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Observations – Fuk Man Road Project



- Insight
 - Collaborative working at frontline level
 - Need time to adapt
 - Training and team building very important
 - Compensation event
 - Time frame stringent, yet need to achieve
 - More resources expected in contract stage
 - Review of contract provisions
 - E.g., Subcontracting
 - Review, take into account practical difficulties





- NEC facilitates better project management
 - Time & cost savings, fairer risk sharing, better relationship
- Founded on collaborative and partnering spirit
- Has been successful on Fuk Man Road
- Try, and Learn

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Thank You