# Private Sector Involvement in Public Services in Thailand:

# Past experiences and Future Prospects

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**Abstract**

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*The purpose of this paper is **first** to outline some general best-practices for the infrastructure public and private partnership (PPP) implementation process using select international examples, and **second,** to examine the PPP landscape in Thailand, and make strategic recommendations for the country from lessons learned through the international cases. Evidently, although there have been a relatively high number of infrastructure projects In Thailand completed through PPPs, and there has been a loose legal framework in place for PPPs since 1992, the actual implementations and degrees of success of the projects have varied widely. The regulatory and legal framework surrounding PPPs for infrastructure delivery in Thailand is incomplete, outdated, and fragmented. It is immediately necessary for Thailand to amend its PPP framework to remain competitive in the region. This will likely be the largest challenge facing Thailand in amending its PPP landscape over the short and long terms; the political situation remains unstable and unable to deliver the top-down political support that will be necessary for major institutional amendment. The competing parties must realize that in order to maintain the competitiveness Thailand has enjoyed as one of the world's fastest growing economies in the recent development years, it must be able to facilitate more efficient PPPs, and to this end, come together to impact positive change.*

**Key terms:** *best-practices for public infrastructure investment, the relationships between public and private sectors in Thailand, legal framework in public and private partnership in Thailand*

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