

INFRASTRUCTURE QUIZ

How much do you know about planes, trains, and automobiles — or more specifically, the public infrastructure that supports them? Test your knowledge with this quiz authored by WeirFoulds LLP partners Bradley McLellan and Daniel Ferguson.



1 In choosing a private sector partner to undertake infrastructure projects, which of the following procurement process methods would normally not be utilized by a municipality?

- (a) RFEI (Request for Expressions of Interest)
- (b) RFQ (Request for Qualifications)
- (c) RFP (Request for Proposals)
- (d) tenders

4 In a contract between the public sector and the private sector for the delivery of infrastructure, which of the following risks is usually not allocated to the private sector?

- (a) political risk
- (b) price risk
- (c) delivery-of-project-on-time risk
- (d) environmental risk

2 Which of the following entities has a mandate of providing an integrated multi-modal transportation network in the Greater Toronto Area?

- (a) GO Transit
- (b) Infrastructure Ontario
- (c) Metrolinx
- (d) Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTTA)

5 Which one of the following projects would not be considered an infrastructure project:

- (a) drinking water facility
- (b) residential condominium development
- (c) airport
- (d) bridge
- (e) power plant

3 In infrastructure projects that Ontario's Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal is involved in, which of the following will not customarily be part of the private sector's involvement in infrastructure projects?

- (a) design work
- (b) construction work
- (c) ownership of the asset
- (d) operation, maintenance, and management of the asset

6 In a 2003 report done for Infrastructure Canada, the total size of the "infrastructure gap" (the difference between the amount needed to properly and sustainably maintain or replace existing infrastructure and the amount actually spent) of all levels of government in Canada was estimated to be:

- (a) \$25 billion
- (b) \$50 billion
- (c) \$75 billion
- (d) \$100 billion
- (e) \$125 billion

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ANSWERS

1 (D) Since the choice of a private sector partner in most infrastructure projects involves not simply a choice of the lowest bid (as would be the case in a tender), municipalities will usually utilize RFPs, perhaps with an RFEI and an RFQ, but they would not utilize a tender.

2 (C) Metrolinx is an agency of the Government of Ontario. The organization was created by the Government of Ontario in 2006 and recently changed its name from the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTTA) to "Metrolinx" in December 2007.

3 (C) One of the five guidelines set out in July of 2004 by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal was that appropriate public control/ownership of the infrastructure assets must be preserved.

4 (A) Political risk. Private sector companies will not want to take on the risk of political change and it is customary for the public sector to be allocated this risk in contract documents.

5 (B) Residential condominium development.

6 (E) The report estimated that the gap could reach as high as \$400 billion by 2020.

YOUR RANKING?

Two or fewer correct: Maybe it's time to pull over and ask for directions.

Three to five correct: Not bad but there's room to build on your infrastructure knowledge.

Six correct: Congrats! You're living life in the fast lane.

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