What Is WCX?
The West Coast Infrastructure Exchange (WCX) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization created by the Governors and Treasurers of the three West Coast states. WCX provides public agencies within Oregon, Washington, and California with education, training, and technical assistance on an infrastructure delivery method called Performance-Based Infrastructure (PBI). WCX serves as an honest broker of information that has no financial stake or interest in how a project is ultimately procured. Initial training services are free; we simply ask that the participating public agency covers WCX staff travel costs.

What Is PBI?
Performance-Based Infrastructure (PBI), also commonly referred to as Public-Private Partnerships or P3s, is a pay-for-performance model for delivering public infrastructure. PBI keeps infrastructure in public ownership and consolidates responsibility for the key phases of a project’s full lifecycle—design, construction, and maintenance—into a performance-based contract with a private partner. PBI procurements can also include elements of private sector financing and operational responsibility.

Training Content
Initial training provides an overview of the Performance-Based Infrastructure model, including topics such as performance guarantees, risk allocation, and screening criteria. These sessions also explore the potential use of private financing, including why a public agency may choose to utilize private financing and how it might be arranged. Also featured are case studies that help illustrate the PBI method in use. These case studies reflect the interests (e.g. transportation, water, or social infrastructure) of the participating public agency.

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