EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION FOR PROJECT DELIVERY SUCCESS – GUIDANCE FOR PROJECT LEAD ENTITY EARLY CONSIDERATION

(Preface to the application of the ECITB – Project Collaboration Toolkit, if the adoption of a collaborative project delivery strategy is agreed)



WHY COLLABORATE – WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL **BENEFITS?**

- Potential for overall project cost reduction contributing to overall sustainable industry performance improvement
- Reduced Team Size / Cost efficient use of total available human resource
- Best people delivering the right work in an open, honest and communicative environment
- **Objective Alignment collaborative effort toward achievement**
- **Total SSEHQ management & performance**
- **Project Controls single source of truth**
- Alignment and simplification of work processes
- Potential for project schedule reduction
- Platform for Innovation innovative thinking and contribution
- Reduced risk of wasteful dispute, conflict and adversity with attendant claim and legal costs
- Appropriate and equivocal sharing of risk and reward
- Joint efforts toward the timely resolution of problems / issues

PUTTING THE EFFORT IN WHERE NEEDED

- Establishing effective collaboration requires commitment, energy and up-front cost
- Understand where such effort will help deliver the benefits and where it may not be necessary
- Extent of required collaboration likely to be related to risk profile larger projects may need more due to their strategic nature

PROJECT LEAD ENTITY – INTERNAL ENGAGEMENT & ALIGNMENT TO PROJECT COLLABORATION

- Conduct an available form of collaborative capability assessment • (IfCW/ISO44001 or ECITB)
- Understand whether organisational culture is set in past sector practices and the extent of change / strategy acceptance required
- Gain commitment to the proposed collaborative strategy from the top
- Seek out where internal resistance to the strategy might come from and address (e.g. internal organisational functions such as legal, contracts, procurement)
- Record the decision to proceed with the proposed strategy and the behaviours expected from Project Lead Entity team members
- Lead on embedding a WIN / WIN philosophy to delivery of the • project with key support entities

APPOINT COLLABORATION CHAMPION

- Someone who can resolve any behavioural and relationship issues that might emerge (both internally and externally) and liaise with the Champions appointed by other entities
- Project Lead Entity should encourage the appointment of Collaboration Champions by other project entities (when selected /

identified) to monitor collaborative performance and behaviours

REFERENCES

- **Periodic Reviews** •
- Charter

USEFUL ECITB PROJECT COLLABORATION TOOL

• PCT Phase1-1.1 Appoint Collaboration Champion

PCT Phase1-1.2 Undertake collaborative assessment and establish enabling climate

PCT Phase1-1.3 Stakeholder Management Conference and

PCT Phase1-1.4 Establish Foundations for Stakeholder Trust

PCT Phase1-1.5 Establish Collaboration Plan and Behavioural

PCT Phase1-1.6 Partner Selection Process

PCT Phase1-1.7 Establish Contracting Priciples

PCT Phase1, Phase2, Phase3- Phase Review Checklists