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**2nd Future Environmental Trends Conference
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CALL FOR PAPERS

CONFERENCE on PUBLIC SERVICES and MANAGEMENT:

Designs, Issues and Implications for Local Governance

UNIVERSITY OF TOULOUSE, JANUARY 13-14th 2006

Jointly organized by IDEI and INSTITUT VEOLIA ENVIRONNEMENT

The design of an efficient governance for the provision of major public services like water supply, transportation, waste disposal, and beyond education, research and health... is of a tantamount importance nowadays in view of the always stronger tendency to delegate those services to the private sector both in developed and developing countries. Thinking about those issues is not only high on the agenda of practitioners and policy-makers but it has also generated a new stream of both theoretical and empirical research which redefines our understanding of the limits between the public and the private spheres.

We believe that it is time to take stock of these recent advances. To do so, we plan to gather the best researchers in the field and to confront their ideas and insights with the experience of practitioners involved in the day-to-day management of collective services in a two-day conference organized at IDEI-Toulouse. There will thus be both academic presentations and panel discussions with practitioners aimed at fostering interactions in this important field which lies at the boundaries of economics, management science and policy science.

An indicative list of topics (not limitative) that could be addressed by the conference is:

- Public versus Private Ownership of Infrastructure,
- Local Governments and their Relationships with the Private Sector: "Governance or Government,"
- Public-Private-Partnerships in Developing Countries,
- Design of Concession Contracts,
- Private Finance Initiative: Issues and Perspectives,
- Bidding for Concession Contracts and its Impact on Competition,
- Empirical Analysis,
- Studies by Sectors,
- For Profit and Non-Profit Firms in Public-Private-Partnerships.



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Local Organizing Committee

- Carol-Anne De Carolis (Institut Veolia Environnement),
- Marc Ivaldi (IDEI-EHESS-CEPR),
- David Martimort (IDEI, Université de Toulouse 1 and CEPR),
- Georges Valentis (Institut Veolia Environnement).

Deadline for Submissions: A preliminary version of the (full) paper must be sent, in PDF format, to ppp2006@cict.fr before October 15th, 2005. Decisions by the scientific committee will be taken and authors will be informed before November 15th, 2005.

Scientific Committee (preliminary):

- Marcel Boyer (CIRANO, Université de Montréal),
- Antonio Estache (The World Bank and ECARES Bruxelles),
- Eduardo Engel (Yale University),
- Oliver Hart (Harvard University),
- Marc Ivaldi (IDEI, EHESS, CEPR),
- Jonathan Levin (Stanford University),
- David Martimort (IDEI, Université de Toulouse and CEPR),
- David Sappington (University of Florida),
- Amartya Sen (Harvard University),
- Steve Tadelis (Stanford University),
- Jean Tirole (IDEI, Scientific Director and CEPR),
- Porter K. Wheeler (Infrastructure Management Group, Inc.).

On top of normal sessions, there will also be a special Round Table involving major panellists: Henri Proglis (Veolia Environnement, CEO) among others will participate.

Symposium: Presenters who wish so can submit their paper to a special symposium of *International Journal of Industrial Organization*. Publication will be conditioned on standard refereeing process.