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In 1987 Colonel Charles Cowan of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Oregon and Norm Anderson of the Washington State Department of Transportation, simultaneously began to develop cooperative programs for their public projects. These programs began to be called public partnering. Within a couple of years 85 percent of the state departments of transportation were partnering. Partnering spread like wild re to many public owners who developed partnering speci cations, and began to de ne what partnering meant to their organizations. <sup>3</sup>

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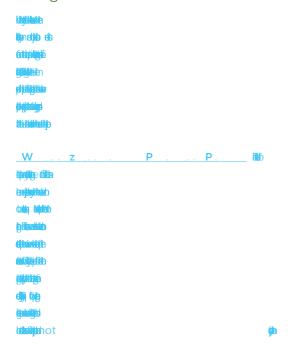
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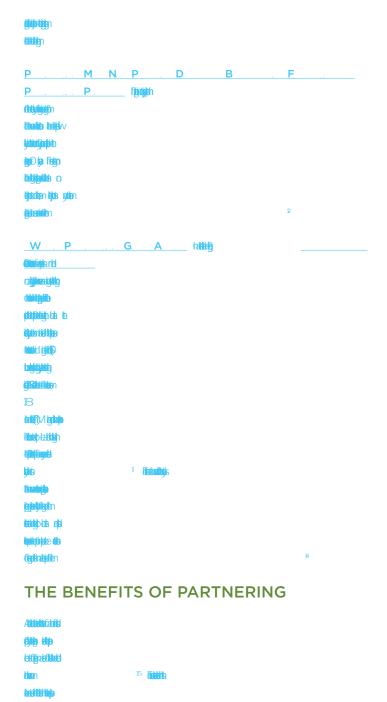
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The Collaborative Economy report found that \$46 billion is the value of the time employees and managers spend collaborating each year. It is based on a survey of 1,000 Australian employees and managers conducted in June 2014 by Stancombe Research and Planning. The gure of \$46 billion is a calculation based on the amount of time spent collaborating multiplied by wage levels. <sup>31</sup>





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### CONCLUSION

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This report aims to identify construction practices and trends that made these jobs award winning. The most consistent theme among this year s winning projects had little to do with construction processes; rather, award winners credited their success to people working collaboratively as a team. A central element that set award winners apart was their commitment to building relationships with the many parties involved in projects, including subcontractors, owners, designers and members of their communities. Some formed formal partnerships while others worked tirelessly to communicate e ectively and remain transparent.

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What made our project so successful was the partnering approach we had with the owner, construction manager, subcontractors, engineers and the community of Sitka, said Clif Stump, project manager on the Blue Lake Expansion Project with Barnard Construction Co. in Bozeman, Montana. The partnering approach helped us get the job done on time and under budget.

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