

A guide · The $500 trillion PPP infrastructure opportunity

Launch a PPP program for Contractors in Jordan

WHAT THIS GUIDE IS FOR

Your company launches a PPP development arm that moves it from builder to developer and equity partner in public-private partnership (PPP) projects, with robotics and modular construction as its edge, starting with Jordan's $86 billion and Aqaba's $46 billion of projects.

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INTRODUCTION

A century of infrastructure reaches the end of its useful life

Most of the roads, bridges, power plants, water networks, ports and airports the world runs on were built in the last hundred years, and much of that stock is wearing out at the same time.

The infrastructure of the twentieth century was designed, poured and left to age. It carried the growth of every modern economy, and it was built for a world with fewer people, far less data and a different climate. Pipes leak, grids strain under new demand, and assets designed for one purpose are asked to carry several. Replacing them is the largest building program in human history, and it has already begun.

Rebuilding and running the world's infrastructure will take about $500 trillion over the next fifty years. It is the largest investment humanity will make in that time. Public-private partnerships (PPPs) will carry a large share of it, because governments cannot fund, build and run the rebuild alone, and the private sector cannot do it without them.

How the $500 trillion adds up

	$300T	to build the physical assets: roads, rail, ports, grids, water, cities, schools and hospitals
+	$150T	to operate and maintain them across the life of each concession
+	$50T	for the sensors, compute and robotics that will sit inside them, the share of the rebuild that venture capital can fund
=	$500T	**in total to rebuild and run the world's infrastructure over the next fifty years**

INTRODUCTION

The next hundred years will build Earth's largest computer

For thousands of years the method has stayed the same: design it, pour it, forget it, and repair it when it fails. The next generation of infrastructure will carry a software layer specified alongside the concrete. Assets will monitor their own condition, predict their own failures and schedule their own maintenance, and fleets of machines will raise them with very few human hands involved.

The larger change is the connection between assets. When a port knows what the rail line is carrying before it arrives, a water utility prices its pumping energy against the grid in real time, and every contract and drawing on every project sits in one connected record, the built world starts to behave as one system. Joined across borders, the world's roads, grids, ports, water networks, data centers and satellites become one globally connected, superintelligent computer.

Future infrastructure will be self-building, self-monitoring and self-healing. A road that senses its own cracks can schedule its own repair and use the savings to fund the next stretch. A water network that finds its own leaks can put the recovered water into meters on the next street. Each asset leaves behind the money, the data and the proof for the asset that follows it, so each new project starts further ahead than the last.

The point where the built world starts improving itself faster than anyone can direct it is the infrastructure singularity. Three technologies bring it closer: artificial intelligence designs and runs the assets, robotics builds and maintains them, and tokenization finances them and opens their ownership to everyone. Each of the three changes how infrastructure is built and owned, and contractors stand closest to that change.

Construction absorbs most of the capital spent on a typical PPP, and the builder usually hands the asset over at completion while the sponsors keep the decades of revenue that follow. Contractors that build a development arm now will share in that revenue on the projects of the next fifty years. This guide invites contractors in Jordan to build one, starting with the projects at home.

THE GUIDE

Build and own the $500 trillion PPP infrastructure opportunity

Your company launches a PPP development arm, a team with its own mandate and capital that bids for projects as a developer and equity partner, delivers them as the EPC contractor and stays on through operation, starting with Jordan's $86 billion of projects and the $46 billion anchored in Aqaba.

01 **A development arm.** A dedicated team with its own mandate, a budget for bid costs and a pool of equity takes stakes in project companies, so your company earns a return across the life of each concession on top of the margin on the build.

02 **EPC plus O&M.** The arm pairs your construction business with an operation and maintenance capability, in-house or through a partner, so each bid gives the contracting authority one team accountable for the design, the build and the asset's performance over decades.

03 **Small-scale PPPs and direct proposals.** Jordan's PPP Regulation No. 9 of 2024 defines small-scale PPPs below $14.1 million, which can be bundled into one feasibility report and one tender, and PPP Law No. 19 of 2023 accepts direct private proposals under Article 15. Your company can bring its own projects to government and grow a portfolio of small concessions it builds and runs.

04 **Robotics and modular construction as the edge.** Modular factories, construction robots and drones let your company build faster and to a more certain cost, which lowers the construction risk that sponsors and lenders price into every bid.

05 **Partners for capital.** Infrastructure funds and banks bring most of the equity and debt in a PPP. Standing partnerships with them let your company join a consortium with a small equity share and grow it as each project reaches operation.

JORDAN AND AQABA

An $86 billion pipeline to start with

Jordan has 243 PPP and infrastructure projects in development, worth about $86 billion, of which $46 billion is anchored in Aqaba. Every one of them needs builders, and its consortium needs equity partners.

$86 billion
of PPP and infrastructure projects in development across Jordan

$46 billion
anchored in Aqaba, Jordan's only port and its gateway to the Red Sea

SECTOR	PROJECTS	VALUE	WHAT THE PROJECTS WILL BUY
Energy	33	**$28.3 billion**	Grid and demand forecasting, solar and storage analytics, robotic panel cleaning, predictive maintenance
Tourism	40	**$13.8 billion**	Visitor flow and demand forecasting, resort and heritage-site operations, booking and payment rails
Urban development	17	**$13.8 billion**	Digital twins of new districts, digital permitting, modular construction, district operations
Transport	33	**$11.7 billion**	Traffic and fleet AI, tolling and payments, inspection drones for roads and rail
Industry	31	**$8.1 billion**	Factory automation, quality verification, industrial sensors and energy management
Water	29	**$7.6 billion**	Leak detection, pressure management, smart metering, pipe-inspection robots
Mining	15	**$1.2 billion**	Autonomous drilling and haulage, drone surveying, ore sorting
Health	12	**$1.0 billion**	Hospital operations AI, patient flow, equipment monitoring
Agriculture	10	**$310 million**	Precision irrigation, farm robotics, crop and soil monitoring
Environment	15	**$270 million**	Waste-sorting robotics, emissions monitoring, circular materials
Digital	6	**$270 million**	Data centers, connectivity, sovereign compute
Education	2	**$20 million**	School and training campus PPPs, digital learning, building operations and energy retrofits

A Jordanian contractor that builds and co-owns one project at home can carry the same consortium to the next one across the region. Aqaba concentrates ports and terminals, logistics, rail to the port, industry, energy, water and tourism inside the Aqaba Special Economic Zone, which makes it a single place to test port automation, logistics software, desalination and energy technology on assets that connect Jordan to the world.

SECTOR GUIDES

Jordan's $86 billion, sector by sector

Jordan is investing in and advancing 23 sectors at once, and together their projects make up the $86 billion. A sector guide for each lists every project in it, its link to the infrastructure singularity and the ways a partner can take part.

The sectors closest to contractors

Water	Orascom Construction and Arab Contractors are building the Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance project. 29 projects, $6.7bn of forward investment. www.JordanPPP.com/sectors/water
Transport	Desert Highway rehabilitation was built by three consortiums of one Saudi and two Jordanian contractors each. 32 projects, $8.1bn of forward investment. www.JordanPPP.com/sectors/transport
Urban Development	The Abdali signed a JD21 million contract for phase two infrastructure works in Amman. 30 projects, $12.8bn of forward investment. www.JordanPPP.com/sectors/urban
Tourism	An Arabtec-led joint venture signed a $629 million contract to build Saraya Aqaba (hotels and water park). 56 projects, $13.8bn of forward investment. www.JordanPPP.com/sectors/tourism
Health	MID Contracting is main contractor for Kingdom University Hospital, a 330-bed hospital and medical school in Amman. 20 projects, $986m of forward investment. www.JordanPPP.com/sectors/health

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Oil, Gas and Power	$15.1bn	Wastewater and Reuse	$946m
Tourism	$13.8bn	Nuclear Energy	$835m
Urban Development	$12.8bn	Agriculture and Food	$400m
Green Hydrogen	$10.6bn	Solar Power	$326m
Transport	$8.1bn	Digital and AI	$243m
Water	$6.7bn	Circular Economy	$189m
Fertilizers and Chemicals	$6.5bn	Wind Power	$186m
Ports and Logistics	$3.6bn	Pharmaceuticals	$128m
Manufacturing	$2.4bn	Creative Industries	$47m
Storage and Grids	$1.4bn	Defense	$10m
Mining and Minerals	$1.2bn	Education and Skills	$7m
Health	$986m		

Every sector guide can be read and downloaded at www.JordanPPP.com/sectors.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI designs, structures and runs it

A PPP takes about seven years from concept to financial close and costs roughly 10% of capex to structure. Almost all of that work is documents and models, which is the work AI does well.

What changes

When the cost of intelligence approaches zero, the cost of preparing a project falls with it. Feasibility studies, options appraisals, cost plans, risk matrices, financial models and tender documents can be produced and tested in days, and contracts can be drafted and stress-tested in hours. PPP projects will soon appoint an AI technical advisor alongside the human ones. Once an asset is running, the same intelligence operates it: a digital twin models the asset in real time, sensors report wear and faults early, and maintenance follows the data.

Jordan arrives late to PPP software, and that is an advantage. With few legacy systems to migrate off, AI-native tools can be built from the ground up, and the reasoning behind each decision can be captured inside the transactions being structured today.

What it means for contractors

AI lets a contractor price, plan and bid like a developer. A small team can read a tender and its contract, build a cost plan and a construction schedule, and test a financial model in days, so your company can bid on more projects for less. The same tools track progress on site and, once the asset is running, feed the digital twin that guides its maintenance.

What will be built

Project preparation	Software that turns feasibility studies, cost plans and tender documents into a repeatable process, so the years spent before tender shrink to months.
Procurement	Tools that let ministries compare bids on whole-life cost and deliverability.
Cost estimation	A national benchmark database that prices every project against real Jordanian rates.
Contract intelligence	Assistants that read, compare and answer questions on every contract, drawing and instruction on a project in plain language.
Asset monitoring	Sensors and digital twins that tell an operator what will fail before it fails.
Permits and approvals	Digital workflows that replace the paper trail across ministries, municipalities and utilities.

ROBOTICS

Robots build it and keep it running

Most of the $500 trillion of infrastructure due over the next fifty years will be built by machines, and people will design, train and supervise those machines.

What changes

Autonomous software combined with autonomous machines produces autonomous infrastructure. Tunneling machines, construction robots, drones and modular factories already raise structures with far fewer people on site. The machines then stay with the asset: drones inspect bridges and power lines, robots travel inside pipes to find leaks, and cleaning robots keep solar fields at full output.

Robotics also changes who can compete. A small company with the right machines can build what once needed a thousand-person contractor, and it can prove its method on a pilot before anyone asks for a track record, which opens PPP work to new companies for the first time.

What it means for contractors

Robotics is the edge a contractor brings to a consortium. Construction robots, modular factories and drones shorten the build and make its cost more predictable, which lowers the risk that lenders and sponsors price. The same machines can stay with the asset for inspection and maintenance, which turns a construction contract into an operation and maintenance contract that runs for decades.

What will be built

Water networks	Robots and acoustic sensors that find leaks inside the network, in a country that still loses about 41% of its water to leaks, theft and faulty meters.
Construction	Modular methods, on-site automation and quality verification suited to Jordan's labor market.
Inspection	Drones and crawlers that survey roads, bridges, rail, power lines and pipelines and report defects automatically.
Energy	Robotic cleaning and maintenance for solar fields, and retrofit technology for public buildings, street lighting and water pumping.
Mining	Autonomous drilling, haulage and drone surveying for phosphate, potash and new mineral projects.
Ports and logistics	Automated handling, yard robotics and drone delivery for Aqaba's terminals and Jordan's dry ports and border crossings.

TOKENIZATION

Tokenization finances it and opens its ownership

A PPP absorbs capital over four years and releases it over thirty. Today's investors expect to enter and exit easily, and tokenization gives them that option.

What changes

A concession is a long-dated, contracted, inflation-linked cash flow, the kind of asset a token represents well and an ordinary investor has rarely been able to hold directly. Tokenization lets a small pilot be funded by a few hundred investors, with returns paid automatically from the asset's own revenue and no lender between them.

The rails already exist in the region. ADGM regulates tokenized securities, the Dubai Land Department records tokenized title deeds on its own register, and Jordan adopted a national Blockchain Technology Policy in December 2024. Tokenized concession revenues are still rare, so the first tokenized PPP in Jordan is open to whoever builds it.

PPP companies will be tokenized before PPP projects, because a developer already gathers projects, risks and revenues into one entity. People will own the builders first, then the portfolios, then the projects, and at the end of that sequence sits a stock exchange for the physical world.

What it means for contractors

Tokenization gives a contractor a new way to fund its equity in a project and to recycle it. Your company can raise its share of a small concession from a wider pool of investors, sell part of its stake in an operating asset as tokens once construction risk has passed, and put the proceeds into the next bid.

What will be built

Issuance	Compliant token issuance for PPP companies, infrastructure funds and small pilots.
Investor onboarding	Identity checks, suitability and custody built for Jordanian and regional investors.
Revenue distribution	Smart contracts that pay holders from tolls, tariffs and availability payments as the money arrives.
Registries	Shared records of contracts, milestones and asset performance that every party can trust.
Secondary markets	Venues where holders can buy and sell stakes in operating infrastructure.
Citizen participation	Tools for citizens to propose projects, vote them up and invest small amounts in what gets built.

SMALL PPPS IN PARALLEL

A thousand small PPPs teach more than one large one

The World Bank counted 315 private infrastructure projects reaching financial close across all low- and middle-income countries in 2024, only a few per country. No country can learn quickly at that pace, and each lesson arrives years after the technology behind it has moved on.

Each of those projects is too large, too slow and too expensive to try anything new on, and every approval, guarantee and stakeholder on a $1 billion project pulls it toward the way things were done before. Small projects are where a new idea can afford to be wrong, because the downside is small, the learning cycle is fast and the bureaucracy is thin.

Run them in parallel

Software has already moved from building one idea at a time to building ten at once, and infrastructure can follow. Picture 100 small schools built within six months, each delivered through its own PPP and each testing a slightly different legal structure, financing model, construction method and operating approach. Performance data arrives quickly, the models that work are copied, the weak ones are retired early and policy improves with every round, so a thousand small projects teach a country tens of thousands of lessons where one large project teaches a few.

$10M	spent preparing a single $100 million PPP, enough to build 100 pilots at $100,000 each
780	small PPPs a year in Jordan at $100,000 each, from 1% of the budgets of its 40 contracting authorities, about $78 million, in a country that closes only a handful of PPPs a year today
97,500	small PPPs a year if every country ran 500 at $100,000 each, for $9.75 billion, less than the price of one metro line

The PPP singularity

The PPP singularity is the point at which it becomes cheaper to build the pilot than to conduct the study. One feasibility study can make a project look feasible, another can make it look unfeasible, and the decision still comes down to judgment, while a pilot settles the argument with evidence. Governments that work this way become portfolio managers of experimentation: they set the objectives and the guardrails, standardize contracts that can adapt, collect the data and publish every pilot, every cost and every failure on one public website.

PPP RESEARCH LABS

Pilots need somewhere to live

PPP innovation needs the public and private sectors working together, so each lab is built the way a PPP is built: the public sector spearheads it and the private sector designs, finances, builds and operates it.

One lab per sector	Water, power, transport, aviation, health, education, agriculture, digital, tourism and urban development each get a lab inside the ministry or authority that runs the sector.
A one-line brief	Run ten small PPP projects a year at up to $100,000 each, testing new technologies, new PPP frameworks, new construction methods and new financing structures.
A PPP itself	The ministry tenders the lab, and private companies bid to design, finance, build and operate it with their own capital, effort and technology.
Funding	About $1 million a year per lab, found by moving 1% of an authority's budget away from inefficient spending. Ten labs can run a hundred experiments a year on a modest budget.
Open results	Every result is published as it happens, including the failures: what worked, what failed and what the contract should have said. The lessons go straight into the large PPPs already running and the ones still to come.
Room to explore	Labs carry no fixed deliverables, because predetermined outputs defeat the purpose of research, and they are judged on engineering results.

Who builds and who funds

Small projects open PPPs to founders and small companies. On a large concession a bid costs 3% to 5% of capex, prequalification asks for a decade of comparable projects and performance bonds run to tens of millions. AI cuts the bid cost, robotics cuts the crew a project needs and tokenization lets a few hundred investors fund a pilot, so a small PPP moves at the speed of the founders running it. Venture capital funds the technology, infrastructure funds finance the assets, and a $10 billion fund raised by both, deploying $2 billion in its first year, could back 20,000 small PPPs, about 100 in every country.

What it means for contractors

Small PPPs are the lowest-risk way for a contractor to become a developer. A Jordanian contractor can design, finance, build and operate a pilot with its own crews and equipment, test modular methods and robotics on a live asset and arrive at the large concessions with operating data its competitors only hold on paper.

UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS

Jordanian law accepts unsolicited PPP proposals

Any private company can take its own PPP idea to government. Article 15 of PPP Law No. 19 of 2023 lets a proposer submit a direct proposal to the Ministry of Investment or a public authority, and PPP Regulation No. 9 of 2024 sets out how it is assessed.

How a direct proposal works

Conditions	The proposal offers an innovative solution for a public service, is prepared on the proposer's own initiative, gives value for money, fits government programs, covers the government's obligations from project revenues and discloses any conflict of interest.
Contents	The scope, the proposer and its experience, a pre-feasibility study with the innovation and intellectual property behind it, the fiscal implications and any support or guarantees sought, and the cost of preparing the study.
Review	A public authority or municipality that receives a proposal refers it to the Ministry, which has 60 days to take it up for study or return it unopened, and can charge a study fee of at least $7,050.
Registry	A qualifying proposal is listed as a PPP project in the national registry of public investment projects, and one that falls short is rejected.
Tender	If the project goes to tender, the proposer can match the best offer, and if another bidder wins, the winner repays the proposer's direct study costs.
Small projects	Projects with a capital cost below $14.1 million are small-scale PPPs, and similar ones can be bundled into one feasibility report and one tender under simpler procedures.

Limitless ideas

This is the Swiss Challenge approach: the proposer brings the idea, the market competes on it and the proposer keeps the right to match the best offer. Many of the projects in Jordan's $86 billion pipeline are still early enough for a partner to shape the deal or bring its own idea, and a direct proposal can be as large as a mini city built and operated under one contract or as small as a $100,000 pilot. The PPP research labs can be proposed the same way, and every company with an idea for a public service becomes a possible project sponsor.

What it means for contractors

A contractor that waits for tenders competes on price for work someone else designed. A direct proposal lets it bring a project it has already costed and planned, lead the consortium as a developer and keep the right to match the best offer if the project goes to tender.

WHY CONTRACTORS

Contractors turn a PPP contract into a working asset

A PPP is paid for by the service an asset delivers, so the project earns nothing until the asset is built. Sponsors bring the equity and lenders bring the debt, while the contractor carries the build, its schedule and its cost.

Where contractors fit in a PPP

Bid	Cost plans, construction schedules, methods and price certainty that make a consortium's bid credible to the contracting authority and its lenders.
Equity	A minority stake in the project company that aligns the builder with the sponsors and earns a return across the concession.
Construction	A fixed-price, date-certain EPC contract with performance guarantees, backed by the contractor's supply chain and subcontractors.
Operation	Operation and maintenance contracts, lifecycle works and handback, which keep the builder's people and machines on the asset for decades.
Exit	Sale of the construction-phase stake to long-term investors once the asset is earning, which releases equity for the next bid.

What changes for contractors

AI, robotics and tokenization change what a contractor can offer a consortium and what it can own. AI tools price and schedule a bid in days, robotic and modular methods narrow the gap between the price in the bid and the asset as built, and site sensors carry the builder's data into operation. Tokenized stakes let a contractor hold equity in a project and recycle it from each finished asset into the next bid.

Why a development arm, and why now

Without a development arm, a contractor waits for sponsors to choose it and competes on price for the build alone. A development arm lets your company shape projects, bring its own proposals and sit in the consortium from the first market sounding, when the terms of the build are set. Jordan's pipeline is large and early, and the contractors who join consortiums as they form will build and co-own the projects that follow.

THE PROGRAM

How the program could work

The program can sit beside the construction business, with a development team at its center and the company's delivery record, supply chain and balance sheet behind it.

Development team	A small team of development, finance, legal and technical people that tracks every PPP in the pipeline and leads each bid.
Equity	A dedicated budget for bid costs and minority stakes in project companies, with clear rules on when to commit.
EPC and O&M	One offer that joins design, construction and long-term operation and maintenance, in-house or with an operator partner.
Direct proposals	A route to bring the company's own projects to government under Article 15, including small-scale PPPs below $14.1 million.
Technology	Robotics, modular factories and drones built into every bid as the source of lower cost and more certain schedules.
Partners	Standing agreements with infrastructure funds, banks, operators and technology companies that complete each consortium.
Track record	A first small-scale PPP or direct proposal that the company builds, co-owns and runs, which gives it references for larger concessions.

What the company gains

The company gains a share of the revenue from the assets it builds, returns across the life of each concession and a seat in the consortium when the terms of the build are set. Each project also keeps its people and machines at work through decades of operation and maintenance, which steadies a construction order book.

It also gains a position in how infrastructure will be built next. The first contractor in the region to bid as a developer with robotics and modular construction at its core will set the benchmark for cost and schedule in every consortium it joins.

ABOUT

Jordan PPP

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Jordan PPP helps every kind of organization in Jordan launch a public-private partnership (PPP) program of its own. It publishes 96 guides, one for each kind of organization, from the Royal Hashemite Court and Parliament to banks, contractors, universities, humanitarian organizations, companies in twenty-one sectors and organizations in twelve governorates.

Its vision is the infrastructure singularity, when roads, grids, ports and water networks become one globally connected, superintelligent computer, built by robotics, run by artificial intelligence and financed by tokenization. Rebuilding and running the world's infrastructure will take about $500 trillion over the next fifty years.

Its method starts small: a PPP program for every organization, small PPPs run in parallel, a research lab in each sector and direct proposals under Article 15 of PPP Law No. 19 of 2023, starting with Jordan's $86 billion and Aqaba's $46 billion of projects.

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What Jordan PPP offers

The guides

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The opportunity

$500 trillion

The $500 trillion PPP infrastructure opportunity, from the crisis to the exchanges.

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NEXT STEPS

How a contractor can start

Any contractor in Jordan can take this guide forward. The first steps use the crews, equipment and clients the company already has.

Mandate	Board approval for a PPP development arm, with its target sectors, the equity it can commit and its first-year goals.
Team	A named development lead, with estimating, finance, legal and operations people drawn from the company's existing teams.
Pipeline	A map of Jordan's $86 billion of projects by sector and stage, and early meetings with the sponsors and contracting authorities behind the projects the company can build.
Methods	The robotics, modular methods and digital tools the company will bring to its first bids as a developer.
Partners	Equity partners, lenders, operators and technology companies to complete each consortium.
Pilot	A first small-scale PPP or direct proposal that the company designs, finances, builds and operates itself, taken from idea to submission.

Jordan has the projects, $46 billion of them in Aqaba, and a law that accepts unsolicited proposals. A PPP development arm lets your company build and co-own its share of them and gives it a head start in building the superintelligent infrastructure future.

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