

Award-winning paper in 2015

Papers published in *Management, Procurement and Law* are eligible for awards from the Institution of Civil Engineers. Papers from any of the ICE journals can be nominated for several awards. In addition, each journal has awards dedicated to their specific subject area.

On Friday 7 October 2016, ICE president John Armitt presented an award to the following paper published in *Management, Procurement and Law* in 2015. The editorial panel nominated their best papers and an awards committee chaired by Nigel Wright allocated the awards.

Parkman Medal

The Parkman Medal, awarded for the best paper on the practical aspects of the control or management, including project management, of the design and/or construction of a specific scheme, was awarded to Patterson and Trebes (2015).

Abstract

The NEC – formerly the New Engineering Contract – is a family of modern contracts drafted for simplicity and flexibility and to be a stimulus to good management (www.neccontract.com). There are contracts for work supply, physical services and professional services. They are used extensively in the UK and South Africa, to an extent in New Zealand and are being trialled by the Hong Kong Government. Some international financing institutions are now considering the use of NEC rather than the Federation International des Ingenieurs-Conseils contracts that they have traditionally used. This article considers NEC for design, build and operate contracts and then reviews the potential to use NEC as the basis for the design, build, finance and operate contracts that are at the centre of the project finance deals used worldwide in public–private partnership projects.

REFERENCE

Patterson RL and Trebes B (2015) NEC for DBFO – taking best practice procurement into PPPs. *Proceedings of the Institution of Civil Engineers – Management, Procurement and Law* **168**(5): 213–219, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1680/jmapl.15.00001>.



Parkman Medal winners Barry Trebes and Richard Patterson with ICE president John Armitt (right)