



# **Negotiating Strategies-Win/Win Results in Terminal Leases and Carrier Agreements**

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# Topics Covered

- ⊗ Lease Structure Options and Trade Offs
- ⊗ Public Financing Considerations
- ⊗ Tension Points
- ⊗ Real World Examples

# Optimal Lease Structures: Public Port Perspective

- ⊗ Stable revenue and predictable volume growth
- ⊗ Annual escalators tied to CPI or other appropriate index
- ⊗ Periodic “market-resets” for land valuation
- ⊗ Longer term generally preferred to shorter term (but some exceptions)
- ⊗ Capital improvements to the account of the Lessee
- ⊗ Allowance for environmental base-line and periodic updates
- ⊗ Storm water and other environmental base practices deployed
- ⊗ Dispute Resolution roadmap incorporated into lease

# Revenue Generation-Lease Examples

CATEGORY	UNIT	WHO?
DOCKAGE	PER 24 HOUR PERIOD	VESSEL
WHARGAGE	PER TON/PER UNIT	LESSEE
LAND RENT	PER ACRE/ANNUAL	LESSEE
FACILITY FEE (S & F)	GENERALLY PER UNIT	LESSEE
BOND ADMIN.	ANNUAL FEE	LESSEE
SECURITY	ANNUAL CHARGE	LESSEE/PORT
FACILITYMAINTENANCE	MAN-HOUR	LESSEE
BERTH STRUCTURE	LONG TERM PLAN	PORT
DREDGING	PER OCCURANCE	PORT/LESSEE

*Tip: Leases need to be clear between maintenance obligations and capital obligations among parties*

# Concessions vs. Long Term Leases

## Long Term Leases

- Term usually set at 5-25 years
- Renewal options/Hand back
- Ground Lease/Facility Lease
- Public entity as landlord
- Does not involve sale of public assets
- Generally can be approved by Port Commissions

## Concession Structure

- Long term-50-75 years
- Hand back provisions
- Sale of public assets
- CFIUS review if non-U.S. entity
- May need state legislative approval
- Strict operating standards and maintenance covenants
- Usually large up-front payment



# Lease Policy Drivers for Public Ports

Issue	Policy Objective(s)	Comment
Term	--Maximize value --Highest and best use (?)	--Ability for lessee to amortize capital investment (L, C) --Tax considerations/depreciation for lessee (C)
Payment Structure	--Land, volume, vessel --upfront, annual --MAGs	--Prefer mix of revenue sources --incorporating land rent is a hedge against volume volatility
Capital	--Shift to Lessee --Obtain market based return if Port financed	--Core competencies of Port --Permitting risk --Payback length if Port financed
Financing	--Credit Rating preservation --Coverage --Maintaining reserves	--Refer to bond financing slide
Permitted Uses	--No surprises --Common User/Exclusive use	--Ensure public good and mission are maintained
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# Overview of Financing Options

## There are six general options for financing port/marine facilities

	General Obligation Bonds	Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds	General Fund Revenue Bonds	Special Facility Revenue Bonds	Project or Line of Business Bonds	Negotiated Loan
<b>Primary Security:</b>	Unlimited property tax revenues approved by voters	Limited property tax revenues already collected by Port	All revenues from system assets or particular system revenues	Specific legal commitment from credit-worthy tenants	Revenues from specific project or business line	May require pledge of specific “high quality” sources, such as tax or lease revenues; could explore bank LOC
<b>Financing Considerations:</b>	<b>Voter approval required;</b> lowest interest rate and most leverage	Low interest rate and high leverage; subject to outstanding full faith and credit obligations of Port	Requires rate covenant in the 1.25-1.5x range, and demonstrated coverage of approx 2x	Requires credit-worthy customer willing to do public disclosure	“Port within a Port” is set up as stand-alone credit; debt coverage requirements are much higher	Could be a merchant bank or commercial bank; local banks often most aggressive
<b>Examples:</b>	Port of Houston (Harris County)	Port of Vancouver	Port of Bellingham	Canpotex Facility; Port of Oakland	Port of Seattle T-18	Airport Series 16 with Merrill Lynch
<b>Leverage Capacity per \$5 mm Available Net Revenue:</b>	\$75 million	\$75 million	\$37.5 – 50 million	Varies based on credit quality of tenant	\$35 – 50 million, but varies based on credit quality of project	Varies
<b>When Should You Use:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large regional projects that could get voter backing</li> <li>• Projects with little revenue generation</li> <li>• Projects with long lead times to revs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects with little revenue generation</li> <li>• Projects with long lead times to revs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects which are self-sustaining after debt costs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When quality tenants are willing</li> <li>• Better when projects have re-use value</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For most robust projects / lines of business</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When particular bank has unique understanding of credit</li> <li>• When time is critical</li> </ul>
<b>Other Considerations:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relies on region for credit strength</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject to outstanding full faith and credit obligations of Port</li> <li>• Relies on region for credit strength</li> <li>• Easy to implement (structure, credit, market)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relies on region and Port specifics for credit</li> <li>• Requires significant positive operating margins and competitive market characteristics</li> <li>• Needs feasibility study to back-up assumptions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires tenants with strong credits and willingness to make long term commitments</li> <li>• Public disclosure can be an issue for private companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most complex to implement</li> <li>• May require security beyond revenue pledge (leasehold mortgages, collateral; extra reserves)</li> <li>• Control of facilities shifted to private parties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work directly with an investment or commercial bank</li> <li>• May require security beyond revenue pledge (leasehold mortgages, collateral; senior claim on GO)</li> </ul>

## TENSION POINTS BETWEEN PORT AND LESSEE

ITEM	APPROACH
Capital	Clarity around “triggers”; Can’t be silent on this and hope for best
Labor	Disclosures on legacy agreements: Security/Maintenance/Trades
Maintenance	Operating standards; Facility Condition baselines
Volume/Revenue	MAG’s; Hybrid lease structures: land, volume, dockage
Crisis Events	Provisions for lease payment suspensions and remedies
Improvements	Public Contracting Rules/PLA’S;
Discriminatory Acts	Commission Policy; State, Local and Federal Change in Law
Environment/ Safety	Baselines; Increasing focus on storm-water management
Assignment	Conditions under which lease can be transferred



# T-6 Background

- ❖ Project evolved from 2004 experience:
  - Loss of two major container carriers in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
  - Represented 60% of container volume
  - Financial “shock” to Port
- ❖ No strategic response to proprietary terminal development in Puget Sound
- ❖ Selling land to fund mandate not viewed as sustainable business model
- ❖ Executive Director mandate to initiate strategic review of the business
- ❖ By 2006 concluded that terminal structure could be part of the solution

# Getting Educated

- ⊗ Review earlier Port initiatives
- ⊗ Input from other Ports
- ⊗ Familiarity with other marine terminal leases and structures
- ⊗ Input from Airport investment bank advisor
- ⊗ Consultant input
- ⊗ Current and former port staff
- ⊗ Understanding terminal concession models

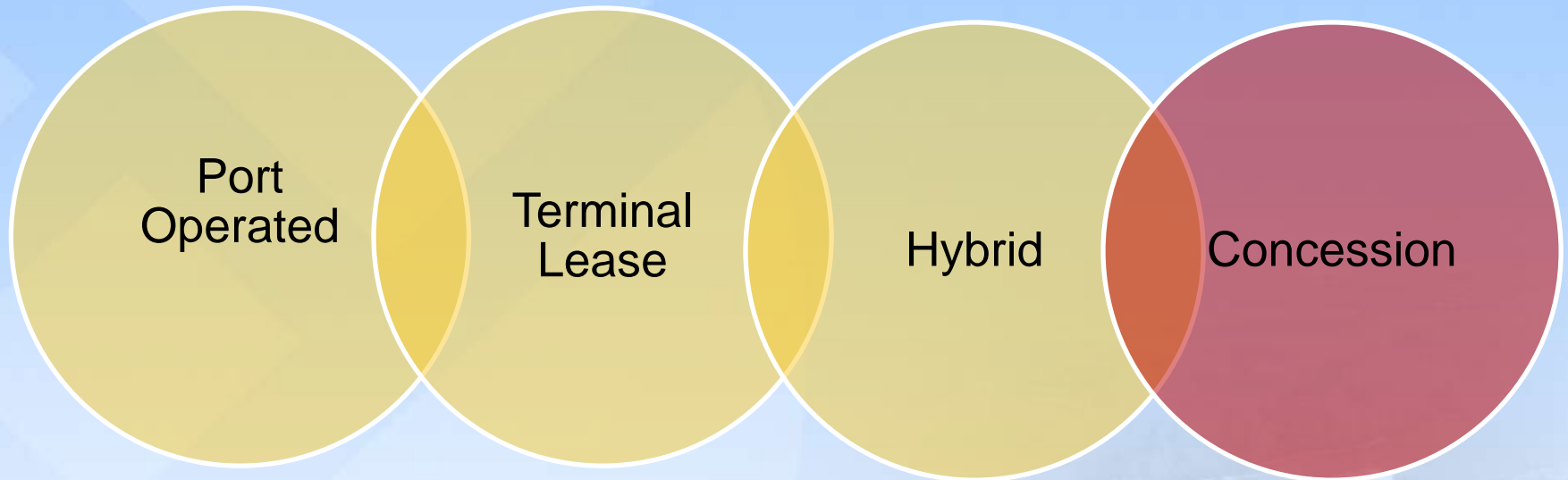
# Getting Educated

- ⊗ Affiliate with a carrier?
  - High risk given volatility of industry
  - Only one opportunity to select the right carrier
  - Potentially lose “common user” capability
  - Can existing facility accommodate both Port Operator and Private Operator?
  - Individual carrier goals may not fit with Port Mission
- ⊗ Affiliate with Terminal Operator or Stevedore?
  - Those aligned with carrier
  - Those not aligned
  - U.S. based/Foreign
  - Ripples from DP World still fresh
  - Concerns about CFIUS process
  - Multiple WC operations could compete with T-6

# Getting Educated

- ⊗ Strategic review period coincides with terminal/stevedore “equity events”
  - DP World
  - Ontario Teachers
  - Maher
  - Goldman Sachs and SSA
  - Highstar and MTC
  - Oakland, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Virginia
- ⊗ Terminals as investment asset class
- ⊗ Unlimited growth potential: 2 x GDP relationship
  - Unlocking “the hidden value”
  - Privatization of public assets: toll roads/airports/ports etc
  - Environmental permit regime seen as a barrier to greenfield capacity growth

# Range of Operating Models



- ❖ Term
- ❖ Capital and Business Risk Transfer
- ❖ Legacy Labor Agreements
- ❖ Port Authority Structure
  - Can Commission Approve?
- ❖ Who Markets and Who Prices (Tariff Authority)
- ❖ CFIUS Calculus



# Establishing Key Project Goals & Objectives

- ❖ Identifying Right Partner To Meet Port Cargo Mission
- ❖ Global Player with Global Resources
- ❖ Shift of Capital and Market Risk
- ❖ Stabilize Port's General Fund
- ❖ Long Term Volume Growth
- ❖ End Dependence on Land Sales to Fund Business Line

# Getting Started

- ⊗ Executive/Commission: Approval to Proceed
- ⊗ Governor and Congressional Delegation Check-In
- ⊗ Organization Preparation
  - Project Manager
  - Core Team
  - Financial, Legal, Operational Support
- ⊗ Selection of Investment Advisor and Attorney
- ⊗ Populating Data Room
- ⊗ Keeping Organization Informed vs. Preserving Confidentiality

# T-6 Initiative: Concession Process

- ✦ Chartered project – March 2007
- ✦ Port Commission approves staff decision to pursue private operating model for T-6 – December 2007
- ✦ Port hires Morgan Stanley as “sale side advisor” and initiates solicitation process with global RFQ – January 2008
- ✦ Multiple qualified respondents – March 31, 2008
- ✦ Parties submit preliminary bids and participate in Port management meetings- July/August 2008
- ✦ Submission of second preliminary bid – October 2008
- ✦ Port suspends process in late November due to global shipping downturn
  - Lehman Brothers collapse October 2008

# ICTSI: Marine Terminal Lease

- ❖ ICTSI introduced to Port during concession process
- ❖ Approaches Port in 2009 regarding more traditional maritime lease
- ❖ Developing basic framework for lease structure
- ❖ Facility and Environmental baselines
- ❖ Development and negotiation of lease
- ❖ Lease Signing-May 2010
- ❖ Financial Close-August 2010
- ❖ 180 Day Transition and Go-Live-February 2011



# Lease Premises-192 acres





# Lease Structure

- ⊗ 25 year term
- ⊗ \$8 million upfront and \$4.5 million inflation adjusted annual rent
- ⊗ Reimbursement for Port services provided (security and some maintenance)
- ⊗ Upside with volume growth
- ⊗ ICTSI parent guarantee
- ⊗ Establishment of ICTSI Oregon Operating Company
- ⊗ ICTSI responsible for all maintenance, capital (not defined as capital expansion) and equipment replacement
- ⊗ Port responsible for berth maintenance

# Scorecard

- ⊗ Traditional Maritime Lease/Hybrid vs. Long Term Concession
- ⊗ Identified Growing Global Player with a Desire to be in the U.S.
- ⊗ Not a Covered Transaction Under CFIUS
- ⊗ Sufficient Shift in Capital Risk
- ⊗ Stabilization of Port Revenue/General Fund
- ⊗ No Longer Dependent on Land Sales to Fund Franchise
- ⊗ ICTSI viewed as Good Fit for Port of Portland