

# A FIRST LOOK AT GRESB INFRASTRUCTURE SUSTAINABILITY & ENERGY

The non-financial performance of investment assets is of growing importance for institutional investors globally. WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff provides services to transform the built environment and restore the natural environment. This includes helping our clients achieve leading sustainability performance across their infrastructure assets.

## WHAT IS THE GRESB INFRASTRUCTURE ASSESSMENT?

Following the success of their industry-leading Real Estate Assessment, GRESB is now developing a similar survey to support a global sustainability benchmarking system for infrastructure assets and portfolios. The Infrastructure Assessment aims to provide a globally consistent system for rating the sustainability indicators of potential infrastructure investments, both individually and relative to similar assets.

Given the increasing importance of infrastructure in a diversified investment portfolio, investors looking to determine the ESG performance of their assets can become GRESB members to benchmark the infrastructure assets in which they have invested.

WSP is excited to be involved in developing the assessment criteria for the upcoming survey as part of the GRESB Infrastructure Advisory Board. These criteria will cover a variety of sustainability topics, including:

- › Management
- › Management Systems
- › Policy & Disclosure
- › Climate Change Risk & Resiliency
- › Use of Natural Resources
- › Waste & Pollution
- › Land Use and Biodiversity
- › Stakeholder Engagement

## WHAT IS THERE TO GAIN FROM COMPLETING THE SURVEY?

Using GRESB Infrastructure as a tool, participants gain a deeper understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of their assets, and how their investments compare to peers and others outside their peer group. All participants in the GRESB Infrastructure Assessment will have the opportunity to consult their Benchmark Report, which will provide an in-depth analysis of their results and score.

All investors will be given access to individual assessments regarding the sustainability indicators of their investments. Using GRESB's Portfolio Analysis Tool, they will also be able to compare the scores obtained by their various assets.

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

GRESB released the Infrastructure Assessment on March 1, 2016. To become a GRESB Member, contact [info@gresb.com](mailto:info@gresb.com).

WSP | Parson Brinckerhoff offers professional services to help you plan for and respond to the annual GRESB assessments for both Real Estate and Infrastructure. As members of the GRESB Infrastructure Technical Working Group and a GRESB Global Partner, our team can provide you with valuable insight into the rapidly evolving requirements of sustainability for infrastructure. We also have the expertise to embed solutions for improving the environmental, social, and governance (ESG) aspects of the design, procurement, construction and operation of your real estate and infrastructure assets.

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