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# Historic Tax Credit Conference

# Building the Capital Stack

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# Developer / Development Perspective

## Types of Capital

- Pre-development—studies, feasibility, investment and loan fees, structuring cost
- Construction—investment account, bridge loans, construction financing, equity
- Permanent—debt, equity, soft debt, grants, tax increment financing, exotics

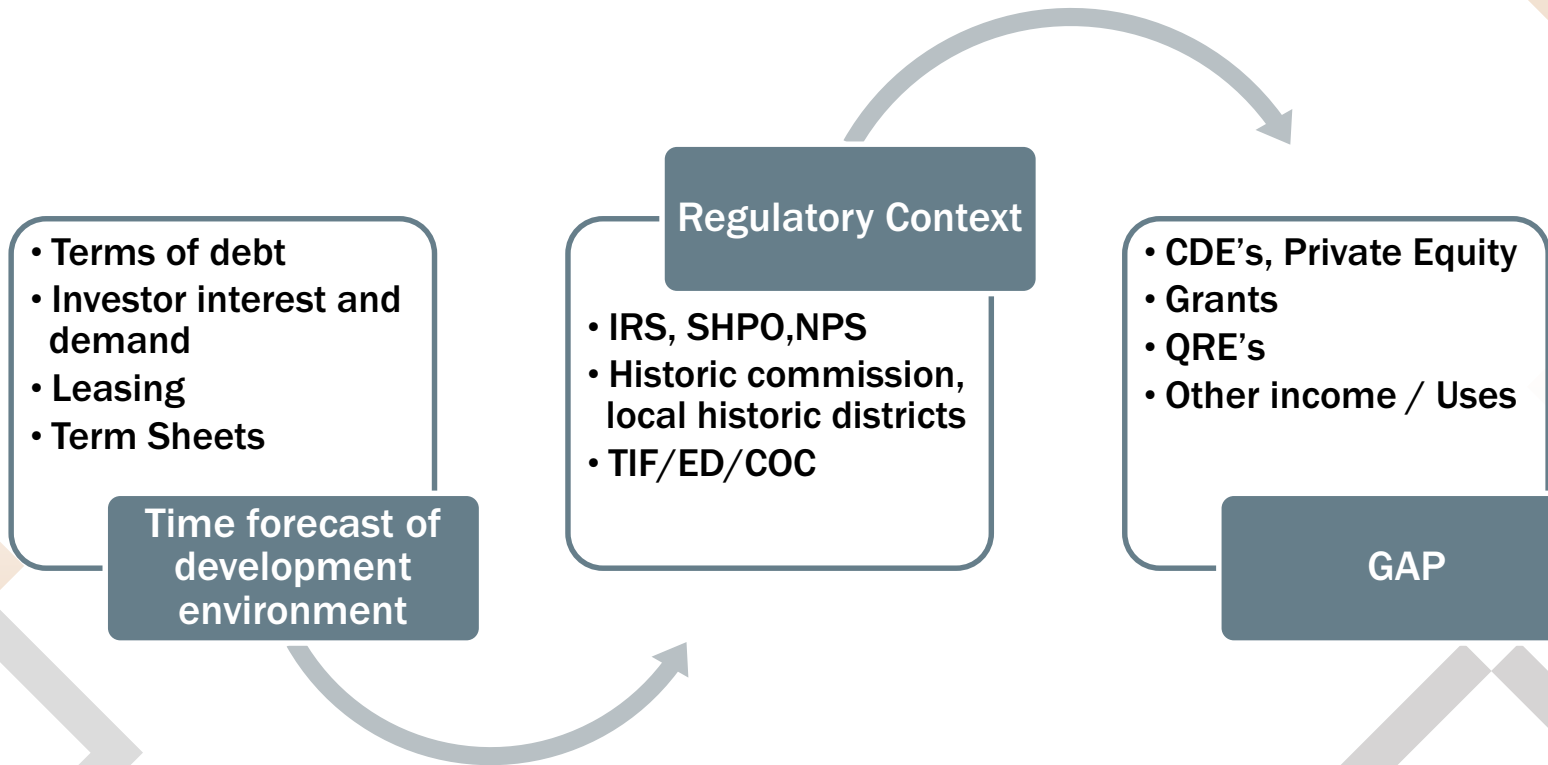
## Timing of Capital

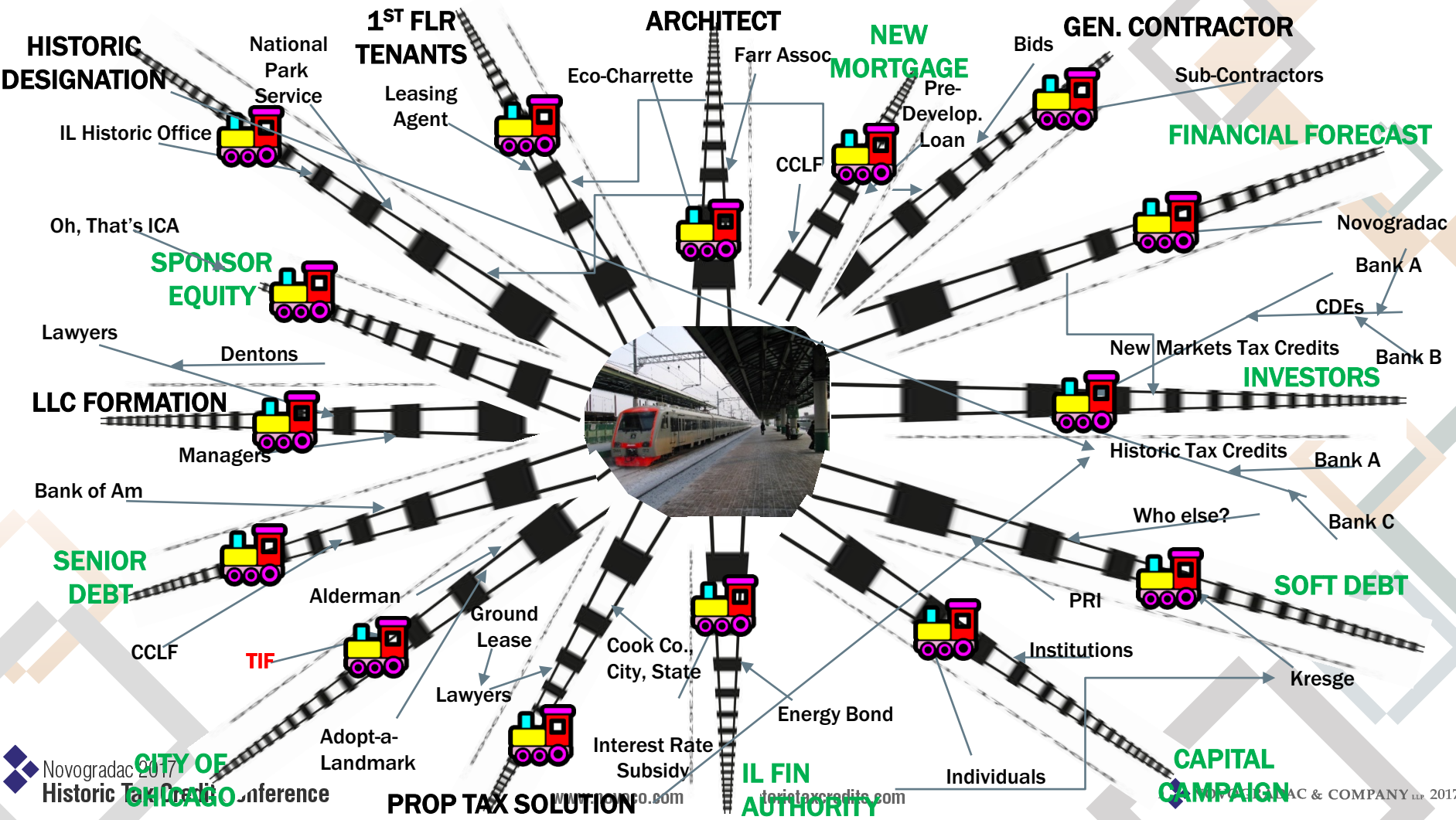
- When committed, how hard is the commitment?
- Regulations, certifications and assurances
- When does it expire, how and why?

## Compatibility of Capital

- Which sources can play well together—track record, administration, communication
- Collateral commitments and conflicts
- Agreements / Closing / Compliance—federal, state and local

# Things to manage





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# Federal Incentives

- **Rehabilitation Tax Credit (IRC Section 47).**
- **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (IRC Section 42).**
- **New Markets Tax Credit (IRC Section 45D)**
- **Energy credits (IRC Section 48).**
- **Qualified Conservation Contributions (IRC Section 170(h)).**



# State Credits

- State Historic Tax Credits
- State Brownfields Tax Credits
- State Mill Tax Credits
- State LIHTC, NMTC, Green Building Credits
- Tax issues

# Debt financing

- Mortgage Loans
- Bridge Financing
- Deferred Developer fees
- EB-5
- At risk issues

# Grants and Soft Loans

- Generally a taxable event
- Grants to Charities. The receipt of a grant by a charity, if consistent with its charitable purpose, should be nontaxable
- *Grants to Corporations.* **not** taxable if it is used to fund capital expenditures, but no basis in the capital assets acquired with the grant

# Donation/Loan Structures

- Loans of grant funds, state credit proceeds
- “Capital contribution” by the charity to through taxable subsidiary

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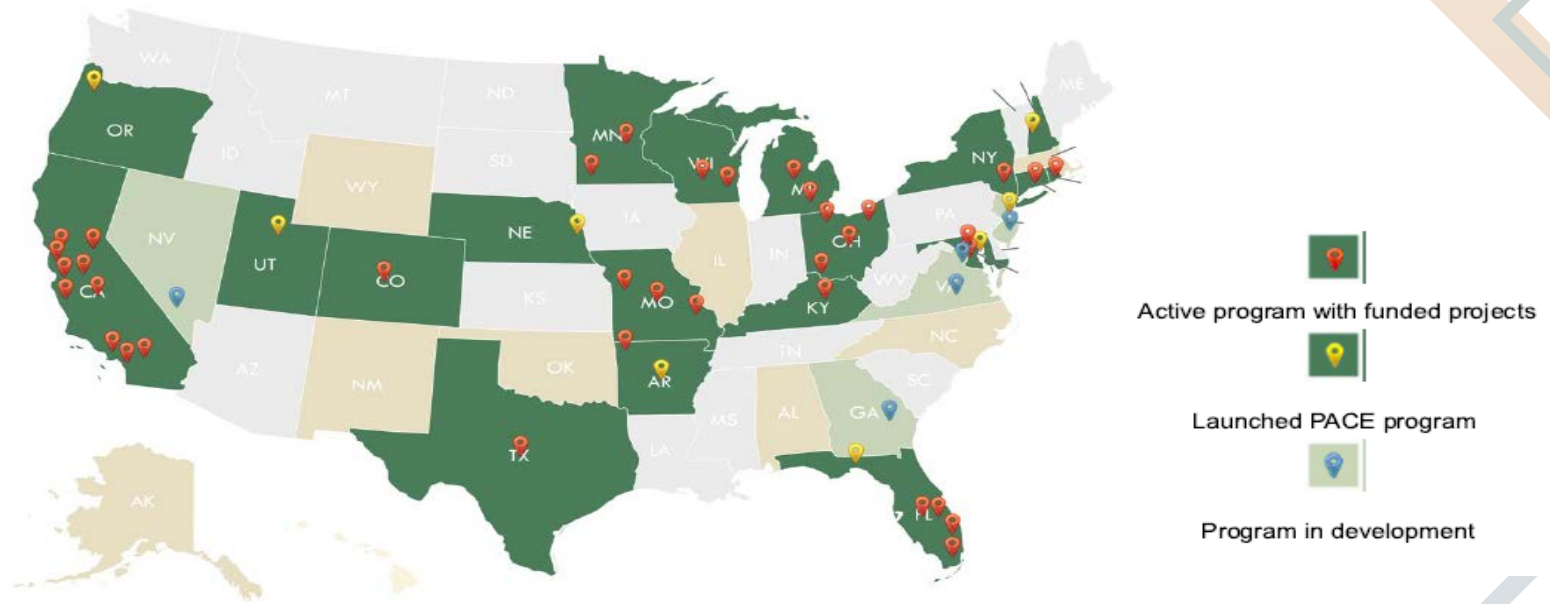
# What is C-PACE?

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (C-PACE) is a financing program for all real estate asset classes that provides up to 100% financing for water conservation, energy efficiency, resiliency, and distributed generation retrofits.

C-PACE is financed through a voluntary assessment lien imposed by a sponsoring governmental body that is given the same priority as a tax lien on the real estate, which is then pledged to a private lender as security for a loan.

Unlike conventional financing, defaults do not permit the C-PACE lender to accelerate the C-PACE loan and only amount which are then due or delinquent can be collected through foreclosure sale proceeds.

# States with C-PACE Programs



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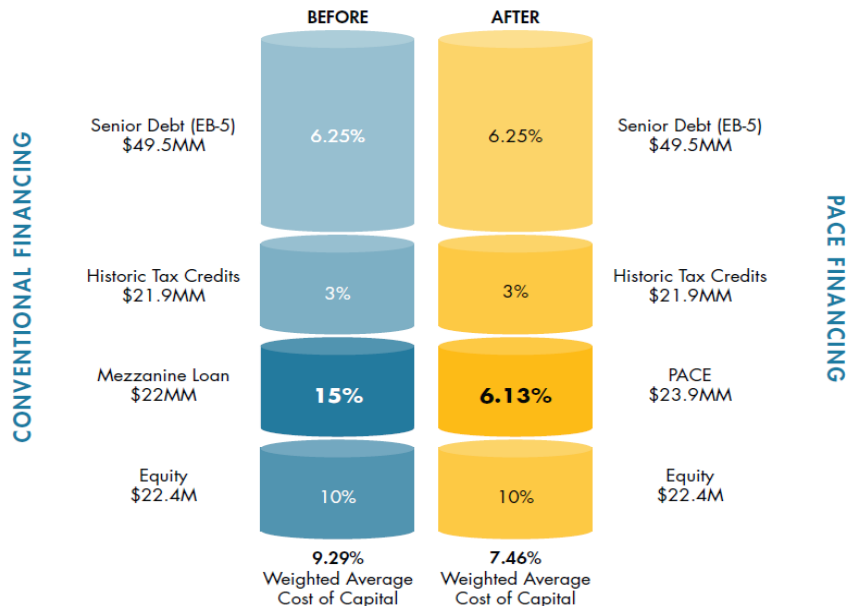
# Butler Brothers Case Study



<b>Building:</b>	<b>750,000 sf 1910 historic mercantile warehouse</b>
<b>Developer:</b>	<b>Alterra International</b>
<b>Project:</b>	<b>238 apartments; 270-room dual brand Marriott Hotel; ground floor retail and small office</b>
<b>Original Closing:</b>	<b>December 2015 (single tier HTC structure)</b>
<b>PACE Closing:</b>	<b>July 2017</b>
<b>Completion:</b>	<b>April 2017 Apartments; October/November 2017 Hotel</b>



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## Transaction Notes

- Largest PACE transaction in Texas and 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in US
- 1<sup>st</sup> Bond Conduit PACE financing in US
- Largest PACE / HTC transaction closed to date
- 6.6MM Kwh energy reduction
- 3.5 metric ton reduction in carbon
- 700,000 gallons of water reduction

# Sponsor Benefits

Benefit	Description
De-Leverage the first lien	30% to 50% first lien LTV rather than 50% to 65%; can increase marketability of Project to Lenders in tight credit market
High Capital Stack Position	Finance up to 100% of the "Qualified Improvements" and depending on lender, will go as high as 80% to 90% LTV
Reduced Cost of Capital	Rather than 15% to 18% mezzanine financing or 20%+ preferred equity, 6% to 8% financing on 20-30 year amortization
Non-Recourse after Completion	Most PACE Lenders only require a completion guaranty
Increased NOI to Project	Energy Efficiency and Water Reduction technology decreases operating costs
"Green" Label	Enhanced market perception
"Qualified Improvements" = QREs	Loan provides eligible basis for QREs

# Key Tax Credit / Lender Issues

ISSUE	SOLUTION
<p>PACE Assessment Lien has first priority solely with respect to delinquent and then current assessments</p> <p>PACE Lenders are not permitted by law to enter into standstill / SNDA agreements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Establish PACE Assessment reserves for the Project for the operating period that are required to be pre-funded / funded from monthly revenue.</li><li>2. Establish PACE Assessment reserve from PACE proceeds for construction period</li><li>3. Enter into side letter agreement with PACE Lender providing additional notice and cure rights</li><li>4. Review PACE Act to understand timing of potential foreclosure remedy and whether it applies to non-monetary defaults</li></ol>

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<p>PACE Loan can only fund “qualify improvements” as the expenses are incurred rather than fully funding prior to the Construction Loan</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Require Borrower to submit draws to PACE Lender for qualifying improvements first to fully expend funds as soon as possible within the project</li><li>2. Lender has side letter with PACE Lender that it will fund draws for qualifying improvements and permit Lender to submit requests for the same should Borrower be in default</li><li>3. Require PACE Lender to fund PACE loan proceeds into escrow account to ensure funds will be available for draws</li></ol>
<p>Is a Project with a PACE Assessment marketable if the Project has to be sold with a PACE Assessment?</p>	<p>There is an emerging market for these projects and a great awareness of the financial tool but it will be market specific.</p>

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# The Capital Stack: Foibles The Untold Story

- You've worked hard to line-up your sources, but what are you missing . . .



# Traps for the Unwary

- Collateral packages - Who gets what?
- Mezzanine/hybrid debt - sweeping cash
- Grants and those pesky strings
- Intercreditors - Who gets priority?
- Fund Investors - Living in the box



# And Don't Forget...

- **When structures meets local law**
  - Transfer taxes
  - Property tax abatement
- **Timing and costs, oh my!**
- **Building the right team is key**

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