



Megaproject Lessons from the “Big Dig”

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ABSTRACT

Megaprojects continue to change the face of the world as we know it, yet we know surprisingly little about these mammoth projects. This presentation will cover the unique characteristics and challenges of these large scale projects and what makes the lessons from these projects great teaching tools for projects across industries and continents. The author will share her professional experiences as Deputy Chief Counsel and Risk Manager to the Big Dig, America’s largest inner-city tunnel project and her perspectives on the myths and realities of these large scale projects. She will share ways in which project and program managers can better leverage opportunities through the lessons from megaprojects so that they may be systemically pursued.

BIO

Virginia A. Greiman is a Professor at Boston University in megaprojects and planning and former Risk Manager and Deputy Chief Counsel to Boston’s \$14.9 billion Central Artery Tunnel Project (The Big Dig). She is a recognized scholar and expert on megaprojects, project complexity, conflict management and dispute resolution, international law and development and project finance, and her latest book entitled Megaproject Management: Lessons on Risk and Project Management from the Big Dig (2013) John A. Wiley & Sons, London, New York, Hoboken provides a definitive look at America’s largest inner-city tunnel megaproject.

Professor Greiman served as a diplomatic official to the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development in Eastern and Central Europe, Asia and Africa on privatization and economic development, and has held executive and advisory positions with several of the world’s largest megaprojects including Boston’s Central Artery/Tunnel Project, the UK’s Crossrail Project, California’s High Speed Rail, the U.S. Nuclear Power Industry, and development in the South China Sea. She served as United States Trustee for the U.S. Department of Justice on several of the country’s largest reorganizations. She also holds teaching and research appointments at Harvard Law School and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

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All are welcome and participation is free

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