

# The Race Is On To Transform Middle East's Bridge and Highway Infrastructure In Time For Expo 2020 and 2022 World Cup

*Ashghal, RTA, Qatar Rail and Hyder Consulting comment on planning, designing and constructing the next generation of bridges & highways in the Middle East*

DOHA, QATAR, October 1, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Middle East has recently witnessed extraordinary growth in bridge and highway contracts with Ashghal announcing new contracts for the Expressway Programme, the planned US\$200 billion pan-GCC railway network, Saudi's metro expansion and Dubai's \$544m canal project.

A recent whitepaper on 'Bridges & Highways in the Middle East' published by IQPC Middle East mentions that with Expo 2020, Qatar's World Cup 2022 and a possible Dubai Olympic bid all taking place within the next eight years, the world's focus is squarely on the Middle East.

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In the coming years, new bridges and highways will transform the region's landscapes, and challenge

consultants and contractors with innovative builds, tight timescales and an increasing focus on sustainability as the Gulf occupies the global spotlight. With such ambitions and challenges ahead, Atkins' Regional Director Planning and Infrastructure, Dr Ghassan Ziadat believes much can be learnt in the region from the London 2012 Olympics. "Sustainability was a major issue and there are many lessons to be learned," he adds.

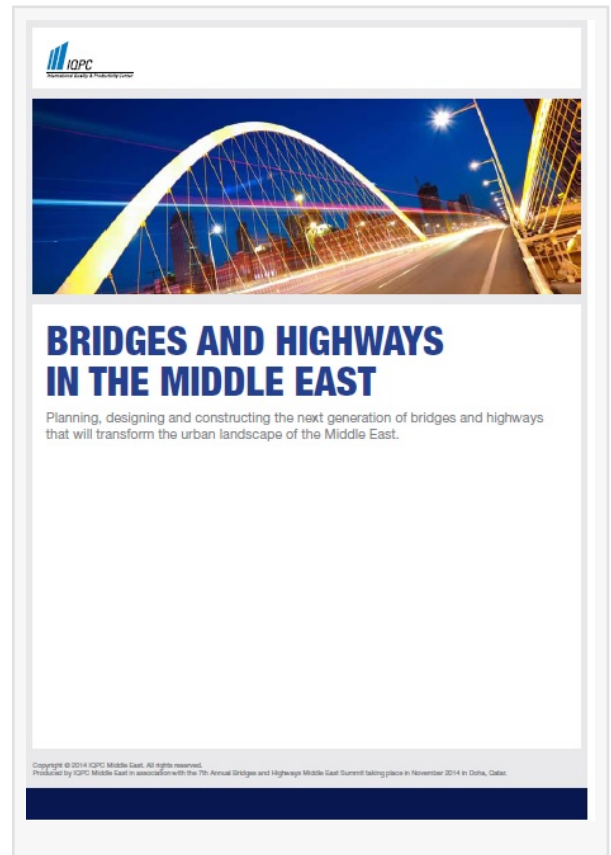
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The whitepaper is aimed to help industry players understand the challenges faced by the industry in delivering high profile developments; how new industry trends and innovations are helping contractors and consultants to overcome obstacles; and why industry players need to rethink their strategies to deliver vital transformation of the Middle East's towns and cities.

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The paper also includes opinions from Adrian Palmer, Senior Technical Director, WSP; Dr Ghassan



Ziadat, Director Planning and Infrastructure, Atkins; Asger Knudsen, Head of Department - Bridge and Tunnel Asset Management, Ramboll; and Nidal Odeh, Bridge & Tunnel Expert, Parsons Brinckerhoff UAE about proven methodologies that are set to transform project delivery in the GCC.

“Some of the best infrastructure in the world is being built in the Middle East” says Adrian Palmer, who leads WSP Group’s Transportation & Infrastructure business in Qatar.

Mr Palmer, Dr Ziadat, Mr Knudsen, Mr Odeh and more will be speaking at the 7th Annual [Bridges & Highways Middle East](#) Summit (10-12 November 2014, Doha), alongside other project stakeholders including Ashghal, RTA, Qatar Rail, Hyder Consulting and more.

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