

Water System Partnerships Training Workshop

Current Partnerships Exercise

Review and complete Part 1 and Part 2 in the worksheet. In Part 1, you will document which activities you already do (current activities) and who you are already working with (current partners).

Understanding your current efforts will help you identify new partnership opportunities later in the workshop (in Module 6). In Part 2, you will pick one of your activities from Part 1 to share with your group. Hearing from your group might spark additional ideas for potential partnership opportunities you can engage in. If at any time you are having trouble filling out this worksheet, please reach out to workshop facilitators, organizers, or other support personnel for help.



Part 1a. Identify Current Partnership Activities (Individual work)

Are you working with other water systems, technical assistance providers, or your state's drinking water program staff on any of the activities below? Next to each activity that you are currently engaged in, indicate if you are working with another water system (WS), a technical assistance provider (TA), and/or the state (S). If you work with multiple organizations, list all applicable acronyms. In the space next to "Other" add any other activities you do that are not in the list below and indicate who you are working with (WS, TA, or S).

Informal Cooperation Activities

- Call or receive calls to get or give advice
- Create informal mutual aid agreements
- Have informal check-in meetings/calls
- Have standing meetings/calls
- Provide or receive training
- Purchase chemicals in bulk with other water systems
- Purchase equipment for joint use (e.g., emergency generators)
- Purchase lab testing services in bulk with other water systems
- Purchase other supplies in bulk
- Receive or lend equipment/parts

Contractual Assistance Activities

- Contract administrative support
- Contract billing services
- Contract management
- Contract operations
- Formal agreement with another local government entity

- Have a physical interconnection to another water system for emergencies
- Provide or receive services at cost
- Share an operator

Joint Power Agency Activities

- Belong to a regional water system
- Construct a shared water system
- Coordinate with water systems in your region to plan for drought/resiliency
- Have satellite management
- Manage sampling for multiple water systems
- Program of shared operation and/or management

Ownership Transfer Activities

- Have a permanent interconnection to another water system
- Acquisition and physical interconnection
- Acquisition and satellite management
- Transfer of privately-owned water system to a new or existing public entity

Other:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____



Part 1b. Current Partnership Activities Table (Individual work)

In the table below, list the formal **name** of each water system, technical assistance provider, or state partner you identified above, whether they are a **WS, TA, or S** program, the **challenge** your partnership with them addresses, the **activity** your partnership with them entails, the element(s) of technical, managerial, and financial (**TMF**) **capacity** your partnership with them addresses, and a **benefit** the water systems or communities experience due to your partnership.

Name of Partner(s)	WS, TA, or S	Challenge	Activity	T, M, or F Capacity	Benefit
Tremonton	WS	Need to switch treatment techniques	Hold informal calls regarding treatment techniques and best practices	T	Understanding and upgrading treatment techniques

Please wait for instruction from your facilitator before moving onto Part 2.



Part 2. Share a Current Partnership Activity (Group work)

Take turns with those in your group as you each highlight one of your current partnership activities identified in Part 1. Hearing from other water systems about their partnership activities might help you consider future partnership opportunities. Keep in mind that you'll refer back to your highlight in Module 6.

If you haven't already, start by introducing yourself and sharing which organization or organizations you work with.

1) Describe one of your current partnership activities from Part 1. Be sure to include:

- a. The partner(s) involved.
- b. How and why the partnership formed.
- c. What made or could have made the partnership successful.
- d. Any other details about the partnership.
- e. *Optional items to include:*
 - i. *What type of partnership is this? (i.e., informal cooperation, contractual assistance, joint power agency, or ownership transfer).*
 - ii. *Ask your group if they have advice for improving or expanding the partnership.*

2) Share why you are attending the workshop and what you hope to gain by attending.