

2.) Types of Partnerships & Map of Case Studies

Drinking water systems across the country face unique challenges to provide safe drinking water and operate with limited resources. Partnerships are tools to help address those challenges, with options ranging from informal arrangements, such as sharing equipment, to transferring ownership of a system through consolidation. Water systems may engage in the types of partnerships listed below:

Types of Partnerships Graphic 1: Five rectangles appear on the screen displaying the following information:

Informal Cooperation
Contractual Assistance
Joint Power Agencies
Ownership Transfer
Layered Partnership

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Types of Partnerships Graphic 2: One Rectangle appears on the screen displaying the following information:

Informal Cooperation: Water systems coordinate with other water systems, but without contractual obligations. For example, partners could share equipment and create mutual aid agreements for emergency response management

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Types of Partnerships Graphic 3: Two rectangles appear on the screen displaying the following information:

Informal Cooperation: Water systems coordinate with other water systems, but without contractual obligations. For example, partners could share equipment and create mutual aid agreements for emergency response management

Contractual Assistance: Water systems contract with other water systems or service providers. The water systems remain independent, but certain functions are contracted out to increase efficiencies. This type of partnership may include systems purchasing water from other systems or contracting out operations and management to other systems.

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Types of Partnership Graphic 4: Three rectangles appear on the screen displaying the following information

Informal Cooperation: Water systems coordinate with other water systems, but without contractual obligations. For example, partners could share equipment and create mutual aid agreements for emergency response management.

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Joint Power Agencies: Water systems create a new entity designed to serve the systems that formed it. These partnered systems may share system management, operators, or source water.

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Types of Partnership Graphic 5: Four rectangles appear on the screen displaying the following information

Informal Cooperation: Water systems coordinate with other water systems, but without contractual obligations. For example, partners could share equipment and create mutual aid agreements for emergency response management.

Contractual Assistance: Water systems contract with other water systems or service providers. The water systems remain independent, but certain functions are contracted out to increase efficiencies. This type of partnership may include systems purchasing water from other systems or contracting out operations and management to other systems.

Joint Power Agencies: Water systems create a new entity designed to serve the systems that formed it. These partnered systems may share system management, operators, or source water.

Ownership Transfer: Water systems mergers, mutual transfer of existing entities, or creation of a new entity. This type of relationship could be represented by one system acquiring another, or by one system building a connection to another system physically, financially, and managerially.

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Types of Partnership Graphic 6: Five rectangles appear on the screen displaying the following information

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Layered Partnership: Water systems use several types of partnerships to improve efficiency of provide safe drinking water. These types of partnerships help systems facing multiple technical, managerial, and financial challenges. For example, systems may hire a shared operator, create and informal partnerships to buy bulk chemicals with neighboring systems, and contracting billing services to a national provider.

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Map of Partnership Case Studies

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