Program Collaboration Resources

- Program Collaboration: Using Teamwork and Program Staff Expertise and Authority to Assist Small Systems (PDF) (15 pp, 840K) (EPA 816-F-12-006, October 2012) Features creative, practical collaboration among state programs to effectively assist small systems with compliance challenges.

- Funding Collaboration: Maximizing the Impact of Project Funding to Increase Compliance and Enhance Public Health (PDF) (18 pp, 1MB) (EPA 816-F-12-007, October 2012) Highlighting innovative approaches to funding drinking water infrastructure projects through coordination and careful targeting of funding sources to derive the most benefit for each dollar spent.

- Capacity Development & Operator Certification Collaboration: An Essential Partnership to Promote Small System Capacity (PDF) (9 pp, 520K) (EPA 816-F-12-008, October 2012) Featuring collaborative activities between the Capacity Development and Operator Certification programs to help determine gaps in operator skills and knowledge, promote operator training and improve system performance.

- Table Top Exercise: Collaborating Across State Drinking Water Programs to Support Sustainable Systems
  Exercise to enhance understanding of state Drinking Water Program roles and to emphasize the importance of collaboration between programs.
- DWSRF factsheets
  - DWSRF Program Overview (PDF)
  - Using DWSRF Set-Aside Funds for Operator Certification (PDF)
  - Using DWSRF Set-Aside Funds for Capacity Development (PDF)

- Analysis of the Use of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Set-asides: Building the Capacity of Drinking Water Systems (PDF)(126 pp, 3 MB) Analysis of states usage of drinking water state revolving fund set-asides in 2015.

- Using Technical, Managerial, and Financial Capacity to Improve System Security - Suggestions for States (816-F-07-010)
  Suggestions for States regarding using technical, managerial, and financial capacity to improve system security.

Capacity Development Resources

http://water.epa.gov/type/drink/pws/smallsystems/index.cfm

- Re-Energizing the Capacity Development Program: Findings & Best Practices from the Capacity Development Re-Energizing Workgroup (PDF) (35 pp, 1MB)
  (EPA 816-R-11-004, April 2011) This document summarizes the work and findings of the workgroup.

Operator Certification Resources

https://www.epa.gov/dwcapacity/information-states-about-certifying-operators-drinking-water-systems

- Desk Guide for Reviewing State Operator Certification Annual Reports
  This Desk Guide was developed to provide EPA Regional Operator Certification Coordinators with a clear and effective tool to review state operator certification program annual reports with a nationally consistent process. The guide also provides sample emails and memos for internal and external communication related to the reviews.