



Building Strong Collaborative Relationships for a Sustainable Water Resources Future

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The Federal Support Toolbox provides the global water resources community with an on-line portal for access to a wide range of water resources information. The Toolbox aims to support sustainable water management through collaboration, partnerships, capability building, information sharing and technology transfer.

The Toolbox includes water resource information from the US 50 states, federal agencies, river basin commissions, Tribes, nongovernmental organizations, academia, private industry, and from international sources. Information that can be found in the support toolbox includes:

Programs
Initiatives
Legislation
Policies
Regulations
Collaborations
Partnerships
Databases
Tools
Models
Best management practices
Research and development
Education
Leadership
News

DATA AND INFORMATION ARE THE foundation for describing, understanding, and making decisions in any field. Federal agencies with a purview in water resources have much to offer for technology transfer and knowledge capacity building. Even broader, all agencies and professionals in the water resources field across all levels of government and geographies can benefit from experiences of others and, in turn, offer their own lessons learned.

The **Federal Support Toolbox** is designed to facilitate more effective and efficient sustainable water management by providing easy access to a large amount of information about water resources. The goals of the Toolbox include:

- *Encourage and strengthen communications and connections*
- *Build and enhance capabilities through Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)*
- *Promote information sharing through collaboration opportunities*
- *Plan for future water management*
- *Enhance water resources management around a shared vision*
- *Increase management efficiency*
- *Reinforce and foster collaboration, partnerships, and alliances*
- *Solving water challenges through leadership and innovation*
- *Align programs and resources for efficiency gains*

“The Toolbox will enable agencies to capitalize on existing knowledge and technology without the need to reinvent the wheel and to bring their resources together to find solutions that might not be achieved otherwise.”

—Steve Stockton, USACE
Director of Civil Works

Federal Support Toolbox Portal

The *Toolbox* is a one-stop-shop for the water resources community, and is accessible through a single online information portal, the **watertoolbox.us**. It is not a clearinghouse but rather a centralized portal that links information needs to the information sources, and utilizes an advanced search function either by keyword or geospatially. The Toolbox also provides a forum for partner communication on water resources needs and solutions, as well as industry news and events.

This unique information hub is based upon research, conferences, and contributions of federal agencies, states, river basin commissions, Tribes and nongovernment agencies. Participating agencies and partners can further support this initiative and collaborate to keep the information current and relevant.

If your agency or organization desires to share water resources information or capabilities, we ask you to join this effort as a partner or as a public user.

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