



## Regional State/Federal Collaboration in Water Resource Planning & Management

Water supply management is important and significant to the States of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. These States are national leaders in water supply planning. About 75 percent of the Corps of Engineers' water supply projects are located in this region, and play a key role in water supply for the States.

We, the Regional State/Federal Partnering Team, are committed to working together on actions defined in State Water Plans to ensure the implementation of environmentally sound, high quality projects that exceed our joint partner expectations. We are committed as a team to working together in a spirit of cooperation and trust with honest and open communication through:

- Integrating planning processes. Working together toward improved integration of the States' comprehensive planning processes with the Corps of Engineers implementation activities;
- Ensuring the best use of federal reservoirs, sustainability, and protection options. The States and the Corps of Engineers will work together to ensure the best use of federal reservoirs, sustainability, and protection options;
- Identifying funding opportunities and authorities for water planning and the implementation of State water plans; and
- Working together to improve communication and collaboration. Given the inter-connectedness within the water resources community and beyond, and the need for transparency, communication and collaboration are required for success. Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas should continue to meet annually with the Corps of Engineers, rotating meeting locations among states, and to invite other federal agencies to participate as needed and appropriate.

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