



Types of Shared Service Arrangements

Informal Agreement

Two or more agencies work together to get similar services at a better cost than if they would alone. Legal agreements tend not to be used.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

MOUs occur when two or more agencies agree to work together on a given item or area of interest with a legal agreement in place. Each member of the MOU maintains its own independence.

Joint Powers Agreements (JPA)

JPAs are formal agreements between multiple agencies where, normally, each agency hands over control of a given item to the JPA to run on behalf of all member agencies. Normally each member agency appoints a member to the JPA Board.

Consolidation or Merger

When two or more agencies either form a new agency or move one agency into another agency.