

Partnership Checklist

This checklist provides recommended activities for forming new critical infrastructure security and resilience partnerships.

- Identify potential partners by leveraging existing public-private partnerships that enhance emergency management and security and resilience functions. Examples include:
 - Business alliances and partnerships.
 - Citizen Corps.
 - State and regional partnerships.

- As appropriate, participate in critical infrastructure sector partnership councils and other forums, including:
 - Sector-specific Government Coordinating Councils and Sector Coordinating Councils.
 - The State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC).
 - Other critical infrastructure governance and planning efforts relevant to the given jurisdiction.

- Identify other potential partners and partnership entities.
 - Critical infrastructure owners and operators
 - Government organizations at all levels (homeland security, emergency response, public works, and others)
 - Critical infrastructure-focused councils, boards, associations, and other organizations
 - National-level critical infrastructure sector and government coordinating councils
 - Professional, trade, and business associations
 - Community, faith-based, and nongovernmental organizations
 - Academia and research centers
 - Others

- Invite potential partners to participate.
 - Present the value proposition as necessary.
 - Resolve partnership challenges as necessary.
 - Identify how and when partners will meet and/or exchange information.

- Establish ground rules for information exchange. For example, identify what information can be shared outside the partnership and what cannot be shared.

- ❑ Establish a shared critical infrastructure security and resilience purpose and goals. Identify specific, measurable security and resilience goals that are not currently met under existing hazard mitigation, emergency operations, or other programs.
- ❑ Identify and get agreement on member roles, responsibilities, and expectations as well as organizational structure. Establish ground rules and create a written agreement.
- ❑ Develop an action plan. Coordinate and implement protective activities, preparedness programs, and resource support among local jurisdictions, regional organizations, and private-sector partners.
- ❑ Identify a communication strategy. Determine what information will be shared among partners and the method and frequency of communications.
- ❑ Measure results. Set small, achievable benchmarks and measure accomplishments.
- ❑ Market partnership successes. It is important to share your successes both within your own organization and within the broader community.