

# Additional Resources

## Capacity Development and Water System Partnerships Resources

- [Reference Guide for Asset Management Tools](#): Designed for State staff and technical assistance providers who are assisting small – and medium-sized water and wastewater systems in identifying resources that can be used to implement asset management practices.
- [Southwest EFC's Asset Management Switchboard](#): Repository of documentation and tools related to Asset Management.
- [Simple Tools for Effective Performance \(STEP\) Guides](#): Designed to help owners and operators of community water systems and non-transient, non-community water systems gain an understanding of building capacity, chemical and microbial contaminants.
- [Assessing Managerial Capacity](#): Document reflects indicators for assessing a water system's managerial capacity and highlights how financial and technical capacity relate to best management practices.
- [Water System Partnerships Workshop Toolbox](#): Information and materials for primacy agencies and/or technical assistance providers who wish to organize and facilitate a Water System Partnership Workshop can be found here.
- [Water System Partnerships Implementation Tools and Resources Webpage](#): This webpage includes resources, guidance, and state policies to encourage and support States, technical assistance providers, water systems and their communities to implement water system partnerships activities.
- [Contact a Capacity Development Coordinator](#)
- [Learn more about Capacity Development](#)

## Operator Certification and Workforce Development Resources

- [Water Operator Hiring and Contracting Guide](#): This document offers suggestions on how to find the right operator (either permanent employee or a contractor), communicate responsibilities of a water system operator, and assists with documentation of those expectations.
- [Summary of State Operator Certification Programs](#): Detailed summary of each state's program, including information on authorization, classification of systems, operator qualifications, enforcement, recertification, stakeholder involvement, and program review.
- [Desk Guide for Reviewing State Operator Certification Annual Reports](#): This Desk Guide is for use by EPA Regional Operator Certification Coordinators. The purpose of this document is to provide the tools to consistently review state OpCert annual reports, as well as provide accurate recommendations for DWSRF withholding decisions. The guide also provides sample emails and memos for internal and external communication related to the reviews.
- [ASDWA's Analysis of State Drinking Water Programs' Resources and Needs](#): This 2019 analysis estimates realistic drinking water program workloads and determine the gap in drinking water program resources.
- [Table-Top Exercise: Collaborating Across State Drinking Water Programs to Support Sustainable Systems](#): This exercise highlights the activities among the Capacity Development, Operator Certification, Enforcement, and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs to better understand

roles in prioritizing and providing assistance, and encourage collaboration and increased communication.

- [Contact an Operator Certification Coordinator](#)
- [Learn more about Operator Certification](#)

### Funding and Disadvantaged Communities Resources

- [ASDWA's State Drinking Water Program Challenges and Best Practices: Small and Disadvantaged Water System Funding and Assistance](#): This white paper highlights approaches for addressing the multitude of challenges with providing funding and assistance to small and disadvantaged water systems.
- [DWSRF Disadvantaged Community Definitions Handbook](#): This handbook summarizes the indicators states currently use to define disadvantaged communities and the methodology states use to target and distribute additional subsidy allocation.
- [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Resources for Drinking Water](#): This website features resources that can assist states and water systems with the implementation of BIL including capacity building and water security resources, and DWSRF fact sheets.
- [WIIN Act Grant Programs Homepage](#): Here you can find information on the three WIIN Grants, as well as downloadable infographics and how to apply.
- [USDA Rural Development](#): Explore ways USDA can help rural communities to obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems.
- [Water Finance Clearing House](#): Web-based portal to help communities locate information and financial resources that will address their infrastructure needs.

### Online Training and Webinars

- [Capacity Development and Operator Certification 101 Webinar Slides](#): Learn more about the drinking water capacity development and operator certification program requirements.
- [DWSRF Set-Asides 101 Recording](#) and [Slides](#): Learn more about the current eligibilities of the DWSRF Set-Asides and how states are using set-asides to help build drinking water capacity.
- [Drinking Water Training System](#): This site provides training modules on federal requirements of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, including Capacity Development and Operator Certification 101, Water System Partnerships, Asset Management, and more! Note that you do need to register in order to track your progress through the courses.
- [Drinking Water Training Webpage](#): Here you will find previous webinar recordings and slides related to SDWA, building capacity of water systems, and drinking water grants. This website is regularly updated to promote upcoming training events and webinars.