

Partnership Program Interactive NRM Gateway Exercise:

- Class will break into groups of 2-4 students depending on class size and computer network connections
 - Groups will access the NRM Gateway and go to the Partners tab to complete the exercise
 - Check out the Quick-finder Index link at the top of the page. It may make searches easier or finding specific information related to partnerships more convenient.
 - Discussion will take place in class at the end of the exercise
1. Go to the Partnership Advisory Committee link and find your Division/District representative. List here.
 2. Go to the SmartBook (Division & District POCs link) and find your Division/District program managers. List here.
 3. Where can you find a tool to select the right type of partnership for your situation?
 4. Which sub link on the Volunteer Program pages do you find most useful?
 - List a volunteer form that can be found on the Volunteer Program pages.
 - Does your district have a background check SOP?
 - What volunteer clothing items are shown to be available?
 - List a Job Hazard Analysis that you found on the volunteer pages.
 - Where can you go to track volunteer hours to earn an annual pass?
 5. Find an existing Economy Act Agreement that is or could be relevant to your project and list here. Which District/Division has created sample templates?
 6. Find a Handshake Program project on the Applications/Agreements page and tell the class which one you are particularly impressed with and why.
 7. Review the Contribution Program success stories and see examples of contributions some districts/projects have received. What types of contributions has your project/district received? Find the list of District contribution plans. Does your district have one in place?
 8. What are the authorized cooperative agreement types?
 9. Review the Cooperating Associations Program link and related material and describe to the class at the end of the exercise something new your group learned about the program. How many cooperating associations are there in your Division? Which is closest to your project?

10. Find a local or national MOU or MOA that is listed on the NRM Gateway and tell the class how the MOU/MOA currently benefits your project/district, or how you might work with a group on this list.
11. Find past training presentations. List a few of the available webinars.
12. Find the current volunteer value of service, and list where you found it.
13. Look in the Corps photo album to determine if your project has submitted a partnership picture. If so, who was the partner and how long ago was the event/project? How do you add new photos?
14. Go to the OMBIL Annual Reports page, accessed from the Partnerships in OMBIL link. Find your project's FY 13 partnership data in the Excel version of the Detail Report. List how many partnerships your project had, and the total value.
15. Find an information sheet and a video that you can use as outreach to potential partners. Where did you find these products on the Partnerships page?
16. Click on the Corps Lakes Gateway Partnerships Webpage link and find two examples of Successful Partnerships or two National Partners that interest you. List examples of something you would like to do at your project or someone you would like to work with.
17. Find a water safety partnership example that interests you and list it here.
18. List two special events that you might seek a partner to work with. List those which you have participated in at your project.
19. List the partnership awards that you can submit nominations for each year.
20. Find a national/school/military/medical partnership which is relevant to or active at your project or district. List the name of the partner and what you have done with them.