



## ENGINEER RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER (ERDC) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) INFORMATION SHEET

The Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), Office of Research and Technology Transfer (ORTT), Technology, Knowledge, & Outreach (TKO) Division offers expertise in utilizing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs).

**What is an MOU?** MOUs often simply state common goals and are not legally binding. MOUs define a general area of understanding within both parties' authorities and no transfer of funds for services is anticipated.

**Authority for Use?** [31 USC 1535 ~ DOD Instruction 4000.19](#)

**Is there Funding?** There is no funding associated with an MOU.

**When is an MOU appropriate?** An MOU is used to document a mutual understanding between any two or more parties that does not contain an expectation of payment, and under which the parties do not rely on each other to execute or deliver on any responsibilities.

**Who may participate in MOUs?** The Parties to an MOU can include Federal agencies and agencies of state or local governments, and non-profit organizations.

**Resources:**

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