

FLC Policy: Strategic Partnerships

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1. STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The FLC will identify and establish strategically aligned relationships with intermediary partners that connect relevant communities of interest (technical, geographical, market, State & local governments, etc.) with Federal labs for interactions. This policy will be maintained by the FLC Facilitate Committee.

2. BASIC POLICY

- The FLC will identify strategic partners at the national and regional levels that will help advance and accelerate the mission of the FLC.
- All partnerships must be consistent with the strategic plan, mission, vision and goals, benefit FLC members, and be economically sound.
- All partnerships must be consistent with and follow Federal laws, policies, provisions, and other legal obligations, and must reflect positively on the federal government.,
- International partnerships will be reviewed by the Host Agency legal counsel prior to approval and may be submitted by the Host Agency to the U.S. Trade Representative.

3. CONSIDERATION AND DECISION-MAKING PROCESS:

Requests received by FLC leaders and/or members may be submitted to info@federallabs.org.

National Partnerships:

- The FLC Facilitate Committee will review the request to ensure partnership meets basic policies.
- Once reviewed, to be forwarded to the FLC Executive Board for approval.
- The FLC staff will advise on the organization of the partnership decision, coordinate arrangements, and manage the administrative process.

Regional Partnerships:

- Regional Coordinator will review the request to ensure partnership meets basic policies.
- Once reviewed, to be forwarded to the FLC Facilitate Committee for approval.
- The FLC staff will advise on the organization of the partnership decision, coordinate arrangements and manage the administrative process.,

Decisions are to be logged by the Cooperative Agreement Partner and posted on the FLC website, www.federallabs.org.

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4. COMPLIANCE

The FLC Facilitate Committee may determine compliance of Partnering Organizations under this Strategic Partnership Policy. The Facilitate Committee, after notification of any relevant committee or region in the agreement, has the right to modify or suspend its Strategic Partnership Policy and withdraw any permission granted under this agreement if the provisions stated below are not followed.

Any questions concerning this Strategic Partnership Policy should be directed to the Cooperative Agreement Partner Executive Director.

When the FLC enters strategic relations with an organization, the FLC staff will provide a partnership template.

- The agreement must describe the scope of the relationship and expectations of each party.
- The parties may agree to mutually promote the partnership(s) on their websites. The FLC is a quasi-governmental organization focused on its members and does not endorse any specific company, product, service, publisher or conference provider. For this reason, the FLC may be listed on promotional materials as a “partner” or “participating organization” — not as a “supporting organization,” “official association,” “sponsor,” “co-sponsor,” “endorser” or any other description that implies commercial endorsement or approval.
- The agreement must be signed by the FLC Facilitate Chair and the requesting partner.
- An annual evaluation of the partnership will be conducted and reported out to the EB.