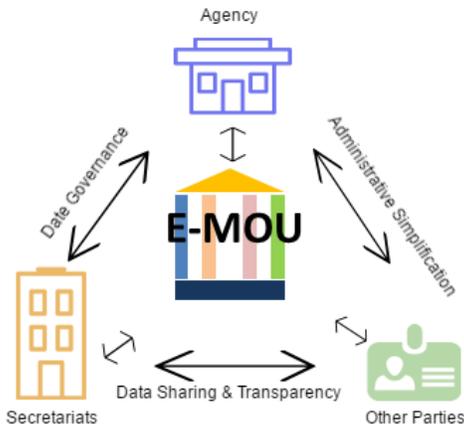


Virginia Enhanced Memorandum of Understanding (E-MOU)



Providing citizen services requires broad participative governance of personal data to ensure that information is accurate, protected, and available to serve the community. The E-MOU accomplishes this by involving Agencies stewarding data in the decision-making processes that govern data collection, usage, and sharing within and across government programs.

Through the E-MOU, transparent collaborative data governance work is performed by staff knowledgeable about state and federal law and regulations to ensure the safety of data. Charged with the responsibility to adhere to consistent processes and guidelines for use of data, and to follow stringent security requirements in the handling of data, the E-MOU enables government agencies to safely share information with one another for authorized purposes such as providing constituent services and streamlining government processes.

The decision to share data remains with the Agency which collects or generates data. Upon a decision to share data, the E-MOU framework serves as a consistent process to ensure that sharing is legal, safe, and limited to the uses authorized by the original stewards of that data.

Onboarding to the E-MOU is a simple process. A one-time review by a Secretariat’s counsel in the Office of the Attorney General is recommended prior to Agencies within a Secretariat authorizing use of the E-MOU agreement as its contractual vehicle for sharing data. With on-boarding, opportunity and responsibility to participate in the E-MOU governance processes is extended immediately. Benefits obtained by onboarding to E-MOU include:

- Retention of data sharing authorization by the data publishing steward (Agency)
- Broad inclusive participation in data sharing governance
- Consistency in adherence to data use constraints and data exchange technology requirements
- Visibility re: data available for sharing via development of an inventory of data exchanges
- Reduced effort for contract/agreement development

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A single efficient process for sharing data under one reusable and secure agreement that is broad enough to encompass the needs of multiple stakeholders.

