

Shared Neutrals: A Federal Interagency Collaborative Effort In Support of ADR
AGENCY AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE

By signing below, I assert that I have authority to represent that

[name of agency], hereinafter, "the Agency," agrees to participate in Shared Neutrals, an interagency collaborative effort in support of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

The Agency agrees to:

- Allow staff members who have been approved by Shared Neutrals, to work on an ad hoc basis as neutrals for other federal agencies, schedules permitting;
- Abide by principles of confidentiality, as outlined in section 574 of the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act of 1996 (Pub. Law 104-320), and the Shared Neutrals Standards of Practice;
- Assist, if necessary, in obtaining appropriate facilities for meetings, scheduling an initial mediation conference with the disputants and reimbursing travel expenses for Shared Neutrals mediators used by the Agency.

It is understood that by signing this document the Agency does not in any way compromise its authority to control the work schedule of any employee who is acting as a neutral under this project.

Authorized Agency Official
(Dispute Resolution Specialist,
General Counsel or Solicitor)

Title

Date

Address

Telephone



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SN Agency Agreement
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