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## ENTERPRISE SERVICE: CLOUD HIGHWAY

**See Also:**

RCW [43.105.054](#) OCIO Governance

RCW [43.105.265](#) (1) Enterprise Strategy

RCW [43.105.205](#) (3) Higher Ed

RCW [43.105.825](#) (4) K-20 Network

### 1. The [Cloud Highway Service](#) associated with privately accessing public Cloud Service Providers (CSP) is designated as an enterprise service.

- a. This designation encompasses the following service capabilities:
  - i. Private interconnectivity between SGN and private CSPs.
  - ii. Virtual connectivity - Cloud exchanges.
  - iii. Physical connectivity - WaTech's network and security edge in Cloud exchanges.
  - iv. Dedicated physical connectivity to CSPs.
  - v. CSP aggregation.
  - vi. Hybrid cloud connectivity for agency CSP services and [Network Core](#) enterprise services.
  - vii. Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity (DR/BC) designs using CSP systems.
  
- b. Some exclusions apply to this enterprise service designation:
  - i. This enterprise service designation does not apply to the K-20 network.
  - ii. Agencies may manage and maintain agency-level wide area networks in adherence with state policies and

standards. Agency WAN's may be used to connect to cloud services via the Cloud Highway.

- iii. Agencies may select alternative solutions from the [WaTech Service Catalog](#).

**2. This enterprise service designation coupled with state security policies does preclude agencies from establishing their own connectivity to commercial CSPs.**

**REFERENCES:**

1. [Establishing an Enterprise Service Policy](#) (Under Development).
2. [Definitions of Terms Used in Policies and Reports](#).
3. [A to Z List of WaTech Services | Washington Technology Solutions](#).

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