

# **Southeast Transportation Workforce Center**

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# Presentation Agenda

- Brief background
- NNTW Mission
- Overview of 5 Regional Centers
- SETWC mission and opportunities to get involved
- Open Discussion



# Background: Workforce Challenges

Blame it on:

- Baby boomers
- Competition
- Rapid pace of technological advancement
- Lack of awareness and understanding of career opportunities



# Background: Impetus for National Network

- Need to increase awareness of existing programs
- Need to coordinate successful practices at all levels
  - Grades 6-12, Community Colleges, Technical Schools, University, Post Graduate, Professional Development
- Need to coordinate efforts and resources across transportation, education, workforce, labor communities
- **Need for strategic approach to transportation workforce development**

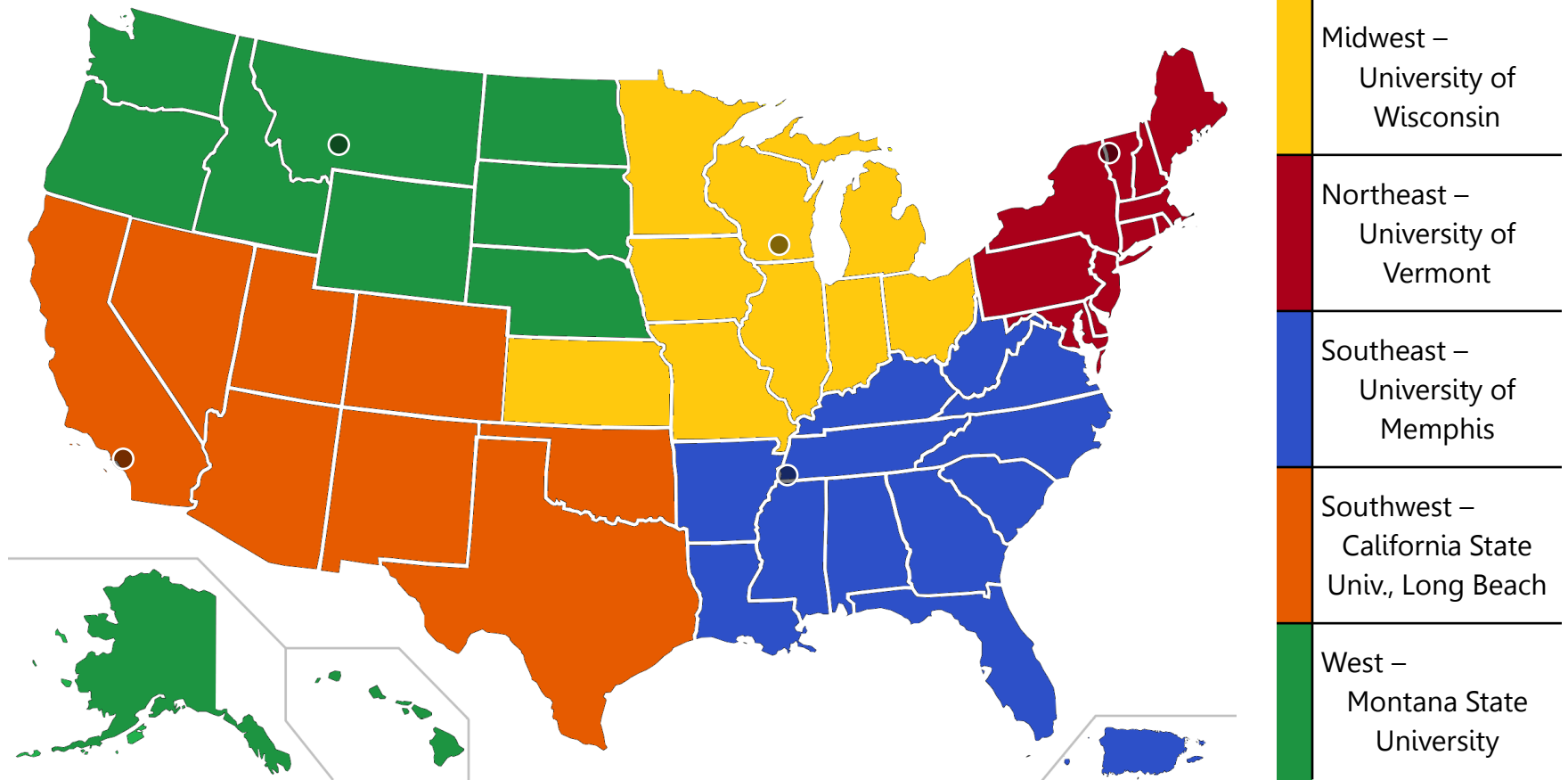


# **Background: Establishing a National Network**

- 5 Regional Centers with funding for 4 years
- Combination of SAFETEA-LU and MAP-21 funding – matching REQUIRED in years 3 & 4
- Administered through FHWA Technology Partnership Program



# National Network for the Transportation Workforce





# National Network for the Transportation Workforce

- Common approach for all region centers
- Unique areas of national focus



# Common Tasks for All Regional Centers

- Identify stakeholders
- Identify existing training and education programs
- Identify best practices
- Develop job needs and priorities profile
- Identify training and workforce needs
- Serve as a resource ('one stop shop') for transportation workforce





# Midwest Regional Center

- Serving 9 midwestern states
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- Areas of national focus:
  - Infrastructure
  - Construction
  - Planning
  - Inland Waterways
  - Sustainability/Environment
  - STEM
  - Stackable Credentials



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# Northeast Regional Center

- Serving 11 northeastern states and DC
- Areas of national focus:
  - Disadvantaged Youth
  - Climate Change
  - Alternate Fuels
  - Community Colleges
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# Southwest Regional Center

- Serving 8 southwestern states
- Areas of national focus:
  - Gateways/Corridors
  - Non-native English speakers
  - Portability of skills
  - Traffic Management/ITS
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# West Regional Center

- Serving 10 western states
- Areas of national focus:
  - Tribal
  - Safety
  - Rural
  - Mobility/Livability
  - Federal Lands
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# Southeast Regional Center

- Serving 12 southeastern states and Puerto Rico
- Areas of national focus:
  - Women in transportation
  - Freight (trucking, rail, logistics)
  - Military/veteran transition to workforce
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# SETWC

- The ***vision*** of SETWC is that the work of the center in concert with regional partners will lead to a right-sized, career-ready transportation workforce being produced in the southeast region.
- The ***mission*** of SETWC is to coordinate existing regionally based programs, plans, and processes and to strategically create partnerships to ensure that students and persons seeking workforce reentry, career transition, or career advancement are aware of opportunities, required education, skills, training, and ladders to success within the regional transportation workforce.



# SETWC

The ***goals*** of SETWC include:

- Identify regional transportation job needs and priorities;
- Catalog existing training programs from K-12 through professional development;
- Evaluate existing programs for scale and replication;
- Identify education and training gaps;
- Develop resources to bridge identified gaps; and
- Fully engage in the national network to showcase successful programs and practices and to increase impact in the southeast region



# SETWC - Get involved!

- Contribute to Compendium
- Serve on Steering Committee
- Contribute to Communication Plan

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# SETWC – Get Involved!

- Participate in sessions in conjunction with professional organization meetings
  - TSITE
  - SDITE
  - AASHTO HR Subcommittee
  - Education Stakeholder Summit
  - CUTC Annual Meeting
  - SASHTO
  - Association for CTE Convention
  - Multiple Private Sector organization meetings



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