



# Setting the Stage: Challenges and Emerging Issues

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# Where are we? Where should we be going?

- ✦ Enduring Challenges
- ✦ Emerging Challenges
- ✦ New Opportunities



# Enduring Challenges

- ✦ Shifts in the Job Market
- ✦ Changes in Workforce Composition
- ✦ Workplace Safety
- ✦ “The Gold Standard”
- ✦ Instructor Burnout
- ✦ Standards/Criteria for Evaluation/QA-QC
- ✦ Funding



# Emerging Challenges

- ✦ Shifting Job Market
- ✦ Changes in the Workforce
- ✦ Standards/Criteria for Evaluations/QA-QC
- ✦ Funding
- ✦ CULTURE WARS: 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, AND 3<sup>RD</sup> RESPONDERS
- ✦ “COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION”
- ✦ FEDERAL ROLES VS. NON-FEDERAL ROLES



# New Opportunities

- ✦ Mold and Mildew
- ✦ Counter-terrorism
- ✦ Emergency Preparedness
- ✦ Public Health Preparedness
- ✦ Cross-cutting All: Forging New Partnerships



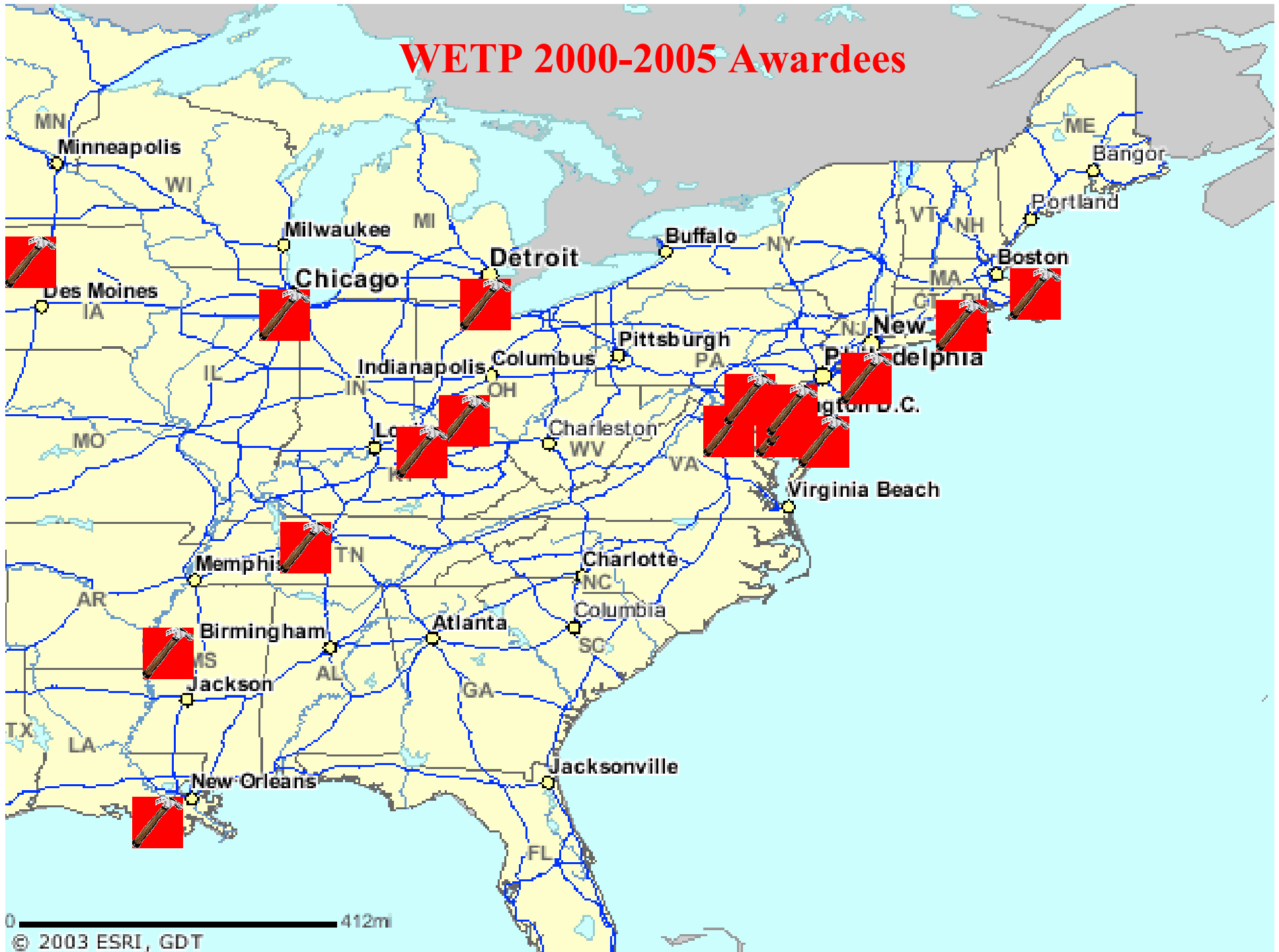
# Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness

- ✦ The Academic Centers for Public Health Preparedness (A-CPHP) program intends to serve as an integrated national system that provides a continuum of accessible learning opportunities for frontline workers throughout their careers (according to its creators).
- ✦ However, not yet a functioning network, let alone a system.

## A-CPHPs, continued...

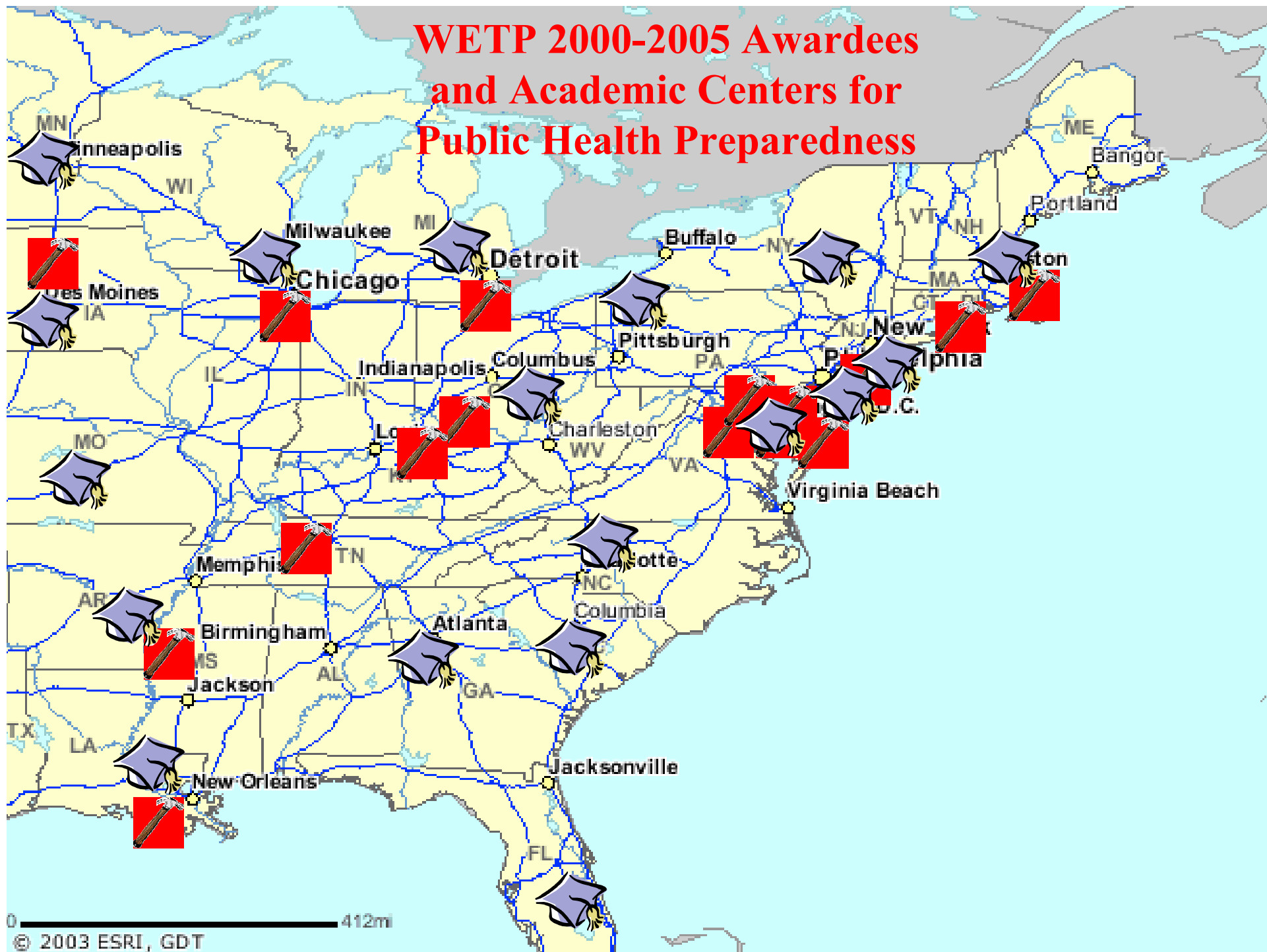
- ★ CDC funds administered by the Association of Schools of Public Health (ASPH)
- ★ Since their inception in 2000, have grown from 7 to 20 Centers, involving 22 Schools of Public Health
- ★ Base funding for each Center is approximately \$1 million per year

# WETP 2000-2005 Awardees





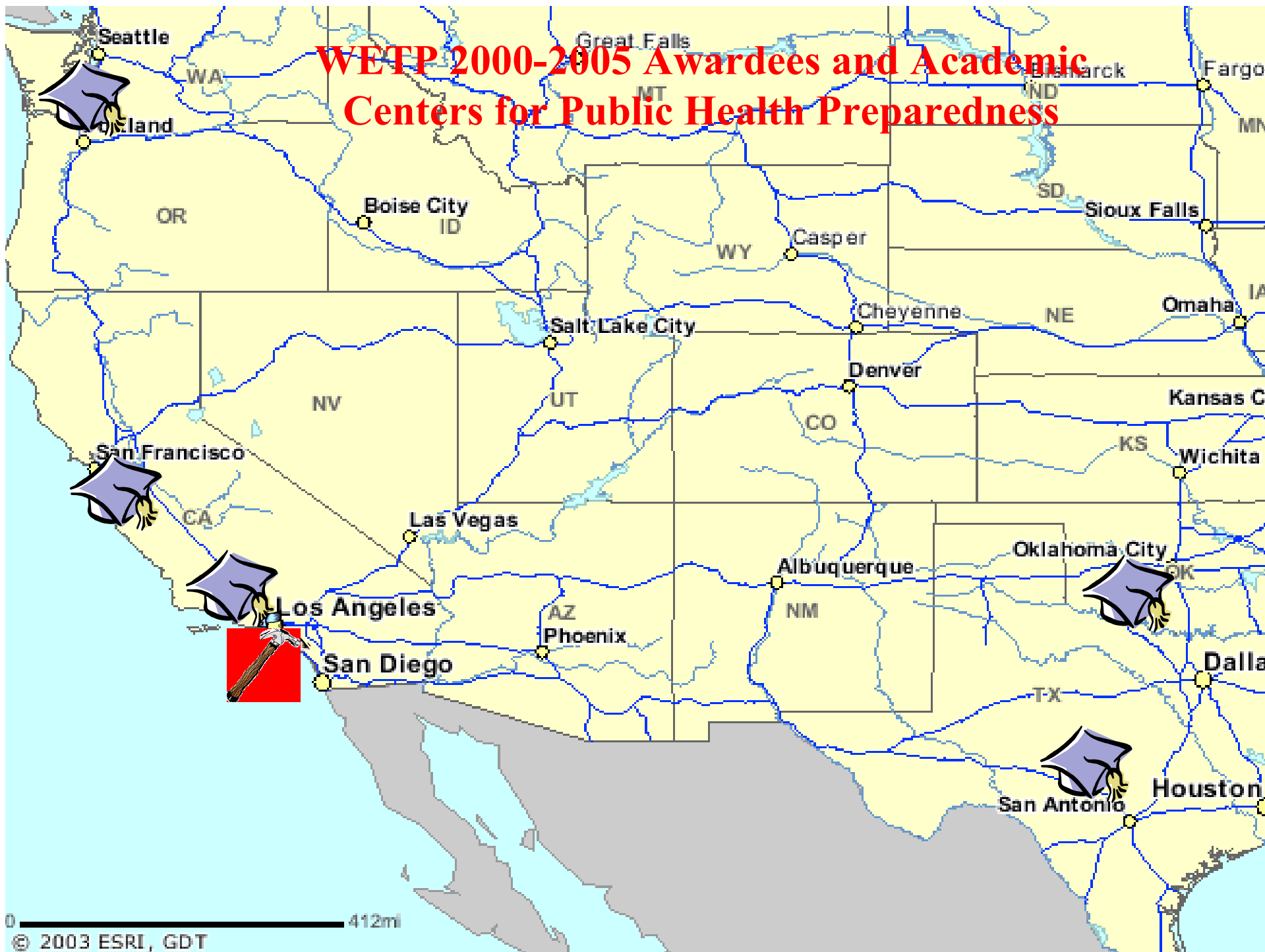
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## New Funding from US Department of Health and Human Services

- ✦ Broaden efforts to prepare the public health system, develop effective medical countermeasures and stand ready to respond if bioterrorism should strike
- ✦ \$26 million per year

# Division of Funding

## ☀ Program Components

- ☀ \$22 million: Continuing education for health professionals
- ☀ \$4 million: Curriculum development in health profession schools

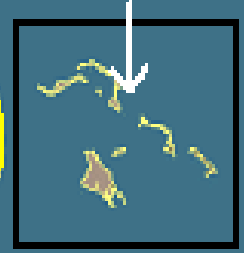
## ☀ Grantees in 23 states

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# Bioterrorism Training and Curriculum FY 2003 Funding Distribution



Puerto Rico & Misc Stations



- Continuing Education
- Curriculum Development



# Follow the dollars— *all* of the dollars

- 1) \$1 *Billion* from USDHHS to state health departments
- 2) \$? from USDHS to states/cities
- 3) Terrorist incidents/accidents
- 4) Other incidents/accidents

Remember: an increasing recognition that  
HAZWOPER is essential!



# Strength in diversity

- ★ The NIEHS WETP awardees are diverse in size, skill sets, and talent—and offer their services all over the nation.
- ★ It is possible that the long-term viability of the WETP program can be stabilized, and perhaps even increased, with the active support of old and new partners and colleagues.
- ★ Just as was Pogo: we are confronted by insurmountable opportunities.



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