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# Enhancing Partnerships: Bringing the Biosafety and Infectious Disease Training Initiative (BIDTI) Together

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# **The Biosafety and Infectious Disease Training Initiative (BIDTI)**

*A National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Worker  
Training Program (WTP)*

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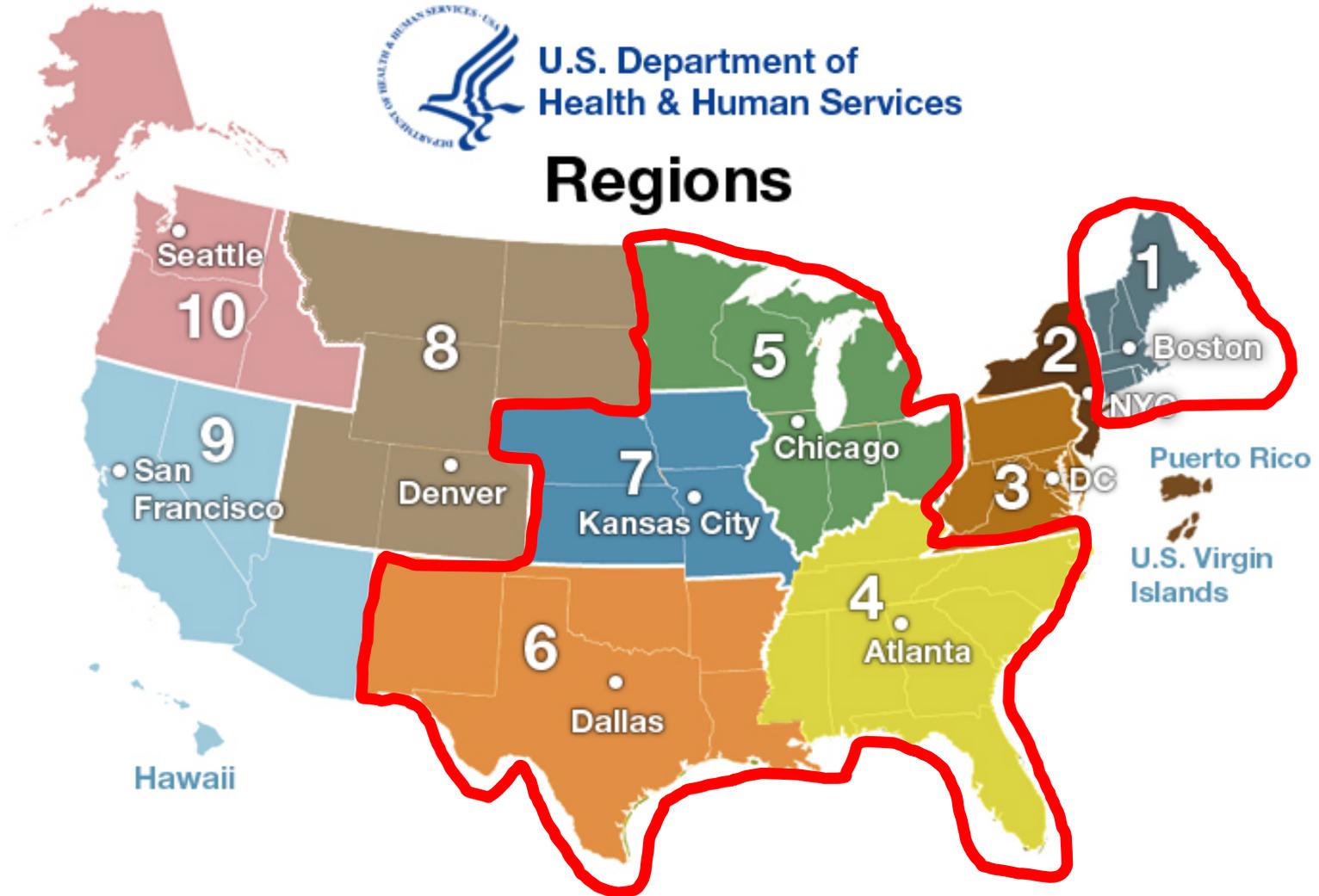


# Expansive Geographic Reach



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## Regions

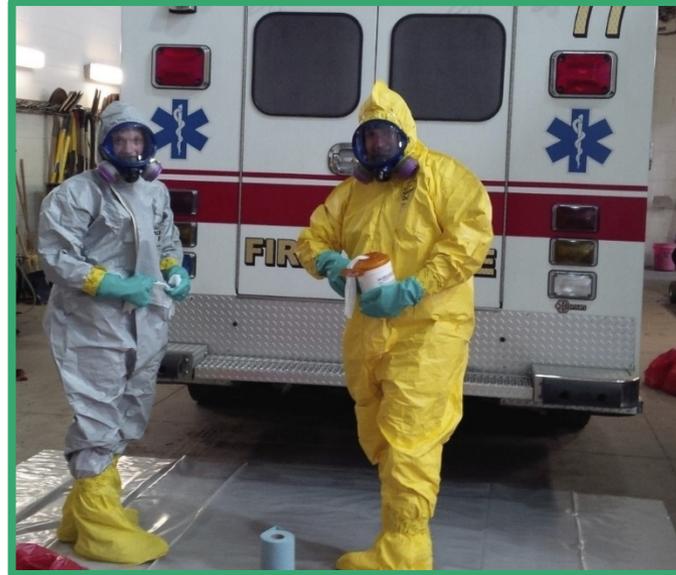


# Partners with Resources, Knowledge, and Experience





- Leadership
- Expertise
- Administration
- Intellectual resources
- Trainers



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- Intellectual resources
- Expertise
- Faculty & biosafety staff
- Prior work with NIEHS WTP
- Southwest Center for Occupational and Environmental Health (SWCOEH)
- Southern Biosafety Association (SBA)





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- Intellectual resources
- Trainers
- Experience with underserved populations



# Elements for Our Successful Partnerships

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- Trust and respect between partners
- Frequent communication & Transparency
  - Shared Box account with working documents and materials
  - Monthly consortium conference call
  - Regular e-mails with everyone CC-ed
- Clear and agreed upon purpose and objectives
- Explicitly outlined expectations and delegation of responsibilities
- Commitment and ownership of the work
- Systems to monitor, measure, learn and improve
  - Unrecognized or unintended bias
- Mutual benefits and outcomes beyond the partnership

# Additional Elements for Successful Partnerships

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- External Advisory Committee (EAC) with leaders who represent our target populations
  - Encourage interdisciplinary practice and research
  - Foster new relationships and expand upon existing ones
- Follow through
- Always willing to learn and partner with new collaborators
  - Think and work outside the box

**Thank You**

**Questions?**