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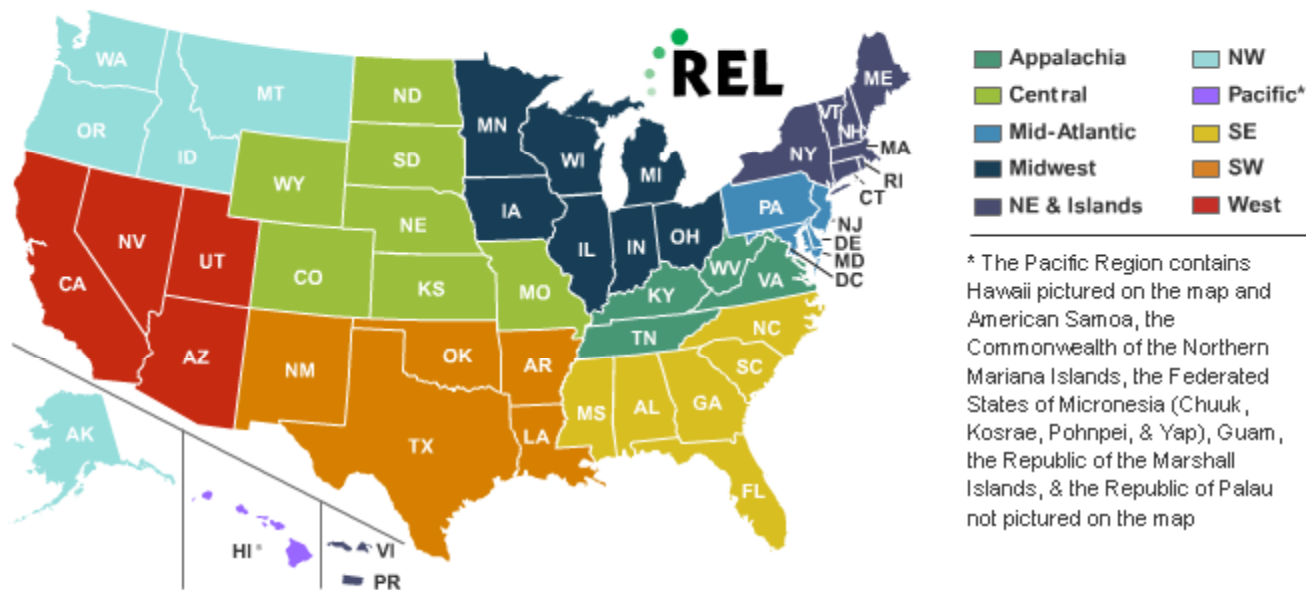
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The Regional Lab System

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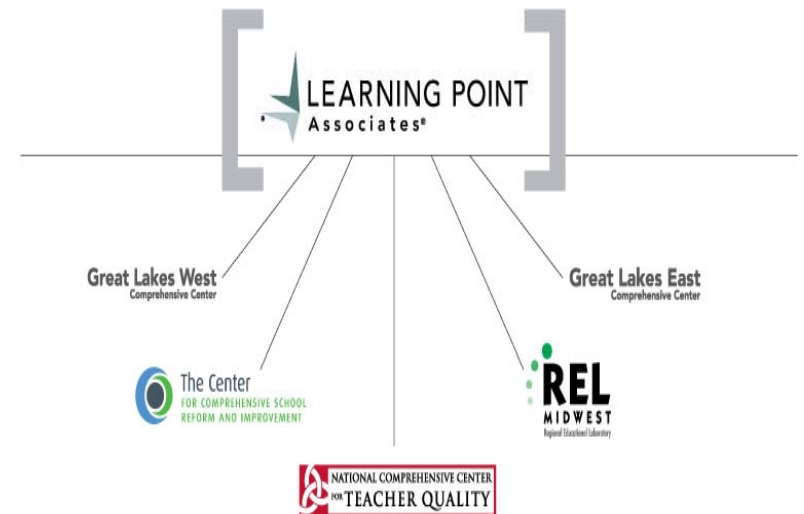
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- National Comprehensive Center for Teacher Quality
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- Serves Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.
- 5 Year Federally Funded Contract to serve states.
- Conducts both short term applied research projects and long term studies based on regional need.

Goals of the Lab System

- Inform decision makers and practitioners about research findings from recognized experts.
- Improve understanding and appreciation of why high-quality research is most trustworthy and appropriate for decision making.
- Provide opportunities for practitioners and policymakers to deepen their understanding of evidence-based research.

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