CITC is proud to announce that the Center has been funded to serve as a "TB Center of Excellence (COE) for Training, Education, and Medical Consultation" for the Western Region in a new 5-year funding cycle, 2018-2022. This award is the culmination of a nation-wide competition.

The CDC defines the Western Region as the following jurisdictions: Alaska, Arizona, California (including Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco), Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

CITC COE Principal Investigator and Medical Director Lisa Chen, MD, offered these remarks, "The entire Curry team is deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to work with CDC, our COE colleagues across the country, and especially the wonderful folks and dedicated programs here in the Western region. The collegial spirit, compassion, and dedication towards TB elimination defines this collective and we are proud to be part of the team. We are excited to welcome new states to our region and look forward to 5 more years of innovation and support as we work together toward our shared goals."

In its proposal to CDC, CITC highlighted innovations that will include a move toward more distance learning methodologies that meet shifting learner styles, utilizing technology to enhance accessibility, as well as the introduction of longitudinal medical consultation services to better serve the TB workforce. CITC will increase its focus on engaging programs and providers to expand LTBI testing and to implement appropriate treatment of high-risk groups.

CITC Deputy Director James Sederberg underscored the Center's renewed commitment to support Western Region TB control efforts: "We feel honored to be chosen to continue serving health care providers and programs in our region. Our entire team looks forward to a new chapter of ongoing collaboration and communication with our regional partners to guide training and medical consultation priorities."

In addition to announcing CITC's award, CDC named three other organizations as TB Centers of Excellence:

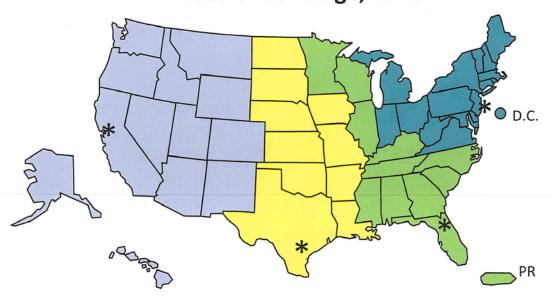
- Heartland National Tuberculosis Center
- Rutgers Global Tuberculosis Institute
- Southeastern National Tuberculosis Center

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- Region 1, Curry International TB Center
 Region 2, Heartland National TB Center
 Region 3, Global TB Institute
 Region 4, Southeastern National TB Center

*COE Location