



EASTERN AREA COORDINATING GROUP

Date: September 27, 2022
 To: EACG Participating Agencies
 From: Eastern Area Coordinating Group
 Subject: 2023 Recruitment for Eastern Area IMT's

The Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) is soliciting applications for two Eastern Area Incident Management Teams (EA IMTs). The mission of the Incident Management Teams in the Eastern Area is to provide Agency Administrators with organized, highly skilled, and qualified personnel to implement land management-based objectives on incidents, especially wildfires. All risk incidents will be supported as appropriate.

All prospective team members, including primaries, alternates, casuals, and trainees, must apply to be considered for selection. Team positions are filled on an annual basis except for Incident Commanders which are designated for three-year tenures.

Complex Incident Management (CIM)

The introduction and national standards for CIM remains fluid. Eastern Area will be recruiting for traditional Type 2 positions, but is preparing to make the transition of our T2 IMT's to CIMT's. The attached links describe the qualification requirements needed by all candidates to be accepted as "qualified" in their desired position during this transition period into CIM.

<https://www.nwcg.gov/sites/default/files/memos/eb-m-22-002.pdf>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXrBUlsrqvg>

Team Member Expectations

Team members are expected to be available for IMT assignments from March 31st – November 9th. The IMT rotation will be based on two weeks on and two weeks off. During the primary EA fire seasons (4/1 – 6/1 and 10/1 – 11/15) the IMT on rotation will be first out with the second team being rostered as soon as practicable. From 6/1 to 10/1 the teams will maintain a two week on/off rotation with an identified time period that the team is unavailable. A change in availability (due to national need, fatigue management, etc.) during this time period is at the discretion of the IC in consultation with the OWT. Although the primary response is wildfire, IMT's may be ordered for all-risk incidents such as hurricanes, floods, or other National emergencies.

The EACG is committed to the success of the Eastern Area IMT's and will work diligently to promote and support the teams. The EACG expectations are:

- All qualified and eligible applicants will be considered. Eastern Area personnel will receive priority.
- No Primary member of an EA IMT will be on more than one IMT.
- All individuals must apply to EA IMT's before they will be approved for an out-of- GACC IMT, even if applying for a Type 1 IMT. Applicants to other Geographic Area IMTs must have approval from the Coordinating Group. Out-of-GACC applications will be denied if there is vacancy for the primary position on the EA IMT roster.
- Individuals seeking training assignments are encouraged to pursue all available opportunities.
- Freelancing of primary team members must be approved by the section leader/IC per the EA Mob Guide.

An informational meeting will be held for current IMT members and potential applicants on **October 17th from 1300-1500 CDT**. This is an opportunity for interested individuals and supervisors to hear from the IC's and reps from the OWT and EACG on team expectations and CIM transition plans. Meeting is not required for applicants.

Join ZoomGov Meeting
<https://usfs.zoomgov.com/j/1616694192>

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Passcode: A\$wb+9

Dial by your location

+1 551 285 1373 US

+1 646 828 7666 US (New York)

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Critical Team Needs

The EACG has also identified several functional areas where **qualified and trainee** applicants are in critical shortage, applicants are encouraged to apply for the following:

Command	ICCI/ICT2
Operations	OSCC/OSC2, DIVS
Air Operations	ASGS, AOBD, ATGS, HEBM
Finance Section	FSCC/FSC2, TIME, COST, PROC, COMP, EQTR
Logistics Section	LSCC/LSC2, GSUL, FAFL, FDUL, COML, COMT, MEDL, SUPL
Planning Section	PSCC/PSC2, SITL, RESL, ITSS (formerly CTSP), FBAN

Don't Let COVID-19 Stop You: The Eastern Area Complex Incident Management Teams will follow the guidance provided by the CDC, MPHAT, FMB and the Eastern Area COVID-19 Wildfire Response Plan. Some Command and General Staff positions and support functions

will be remote or virtual during a team mobilization in the COVID-19 environment.

<https://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/eacg/COVID-19 Links.html>

Please reference the Eastern Area Interagency Mobilization Guide, pages 20-11 through 20-19, for information about the teams.

[EA Mobilization Guide – Chapter 20](#)

Trainee and Alternate applicants are encouraged: Applicants may apply as a “Trainee” in any open position for which they have been issued a Position Task Book. Trainees will be selected based on EA position needs and interagency priorities. **All trainees are expected to participate in the EA Priority Trainee program. You can register at [2023 Eastern Area Priority Trainee Program Application](#).**

“Alternate” and “Job Share” team members are encouraged and welcome to apply.

Recruitment and Selection Timetable

10/01 - Recruit for all regular rostered positions.

11/15 - Applications close for all rostered positions.

12/15 - Recommendations for C&G members to EACG from the EA OWT.

01/15 - EA OWT recommendations for all positions to EACG.

01/29 - Notification of selection for EA IMT members.

03/01 - IC or designee will submit the team selection list to the EA Team Coordinator. ICs or their designees (usually RESL or PSC2) will build initial team rosters in IROC.

How to Apply

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY TO THE 2023 EA IMT'S](#)

Contact an Eastern Area Operations Working Team Representatives (OWT) if you have questions about application procedures and processes at the following link:

[Eastern Area Operations Working Team 2022-2023 Roster](#)

A copy of this memo and attached application materials will be posted on the Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC) Web Page Bulletin Board at

<http://gacc.nifc.gov/eacc/index.htm>.

Sincerely,



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