



Eastern Area Coordinating Group

Date: October 1, 2026
To: EACG Participating Agencies
From: Eastern Area Coordinating Group
Subject: 2027 Recruitment for the Eastern Area CIMT



The Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) is soliciting applications for one Complex Incident Management Team (EA CIMT). The mission of the Complex Incident Management Team 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 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. Maris Gabliks (WI-R09) will be the Incident Commander for the EA CIMT in 2026-2028.

Team Member Expectations:

Team members are expected to be available for CIMT assignments during national rotation periods and when requested by EACC. The IC, in conjunction with the EACG, will manage availability periods for the EA CIMT. Section Chiefs will manage the rosters of their section throughout the availability periods. All CIMTs will have 7 days of unavailability after completing a team assignment. Although the primary response is wildfire, the CIMT 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 CIMT and will work diligently to promote and support the team. The EACG expectations are:

- All qualified and eligible applicants will be considered. Eastern Area personnel will receive priority.
- No Primary member of the EA CIMT will be on more than one CIMT.
- All individuals must apply to the EA CIMT before they are approved for an out-of-GACC CIMT. Applicants to other Geographic Area CIMT's must have approval from the EACG. Out-of-GACC applications will be denied if there is a vacancy for the Primary position on the EA CIMT roster.
- Individuals seeking trainee assignments are encouraged to pursue all available opportunities.

- Freelancing of Primary team members must be approved by the Section Chief/IC per the EA MOB Guide

Critical Team Needs:

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

Operations OSGC, OPBD, DIVS

Air Operations ASGS, AOBD, ATGS, HEBM

Finance Section FSGC, TIME, COST, PROC, COMP, EQTR

Logistics Section LSGC, GSUL, FACL, FDUL, COML, COMT, MEDL, SUPL

Planning Section PSGC, SITL, RESL, ITSS, FBAN, GISS

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](#)**. "Alternate" and "Job Share" team members are encouraged and welcome to apply.

Recruitment and Selection Timetable:

09/30 - Recruit for all regular rostered positions.

11/15 - Applications close for all rostered positions.

12/16 - Recommendations for C&G members to EACG from the EA OWT.

01/17 - EA OWT recommendations for all positions to EACG.

01/27 - Notification of selection for EA CIMT members.

03/01 - IC submits the team selection list to the EA Team Coordinator and initial team roster is built in IROC.

How to Apply:

[CLICK HERE TO APPLY TO THE 2027 EA CIMT](#)

Contact an Eastern Area Operations Working Team (OWT) representative if you have questions. [Eastern Area Operations Working Team Roster](#).

A copy of this memo and attached application materials can be found at:

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

Sincerely,

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