



EASTERN AREA COORDINATING GROUP

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 To: Eastern Area Interagency Wildland Fire Community
 From: Eastern Area Coordinating Group
 Subject: Eastern Area Priority Trainee Program –
 Priority Trainee Application

Priority Trainees,

The Eastern Area Coordinating Group (EACG) invites Eastern Area agencies to submit nominations for the 2021 Eastern Area Priority Trainee Mobilization Program. The following information provides guidelines for determining the applicability of this program to prospective applicants

The Priority Trainee (PT) Program has an extensive history within the Eastern Area as a viable workforce development tool. Hundreds of individuals have become fully qualified resources because of the PT Program. To further enhance the PT Program, the EACG has approved an [Eastern Area Priority Trainee Mobilization Program Guide](#).

Changes to the Priority Trainee process include the modification that Incident Management Teams (IMTs) for the Eastern Area will no longer house their own separate Trainees list. We will be utilizing one (1) PT list. If you are interested in being a PT on an Eastern Area IMT, you will need to apply to this program.

The PT List is **not meant** to capture everyone who has an open Position Task Book (PTB). It is intended to capture those individuals, who meet one of the **following** criteria:

- Job Requirement
- IMT Trainee Position
- Type 3 Organizational Shortage
- Future Advancement
- National Academy Trainees (such as ATGS)

New Application Process - On-line

Individuals wishing to participate in the PT Program should submit the [2021 Priority Trainee Application](#) along with sending in a copy of their IQS/IQCS Master Record through their agency-accepted channels to their Home Unit/responsible party. The Home Units will prioritize each PT nomination by position and submit the nominations to their respective Eastern Area Training Working Team Representatives ([EATWT](#))

All nominations **must** be received by the EATWT Representative by the close of business on **Friday, January 29th, 2021**.

The EATWT will develop the final Interagency list at the EACG/Joint Working Team meeting in the Winter Meeting. This final [2021 Priority Trainee List](#) will be submitted to the Eastern Area Coordination Center (EACC) for posting to the Eastern Area Coordination Center's website by the end of March.

For additional information, please contact your Eastern Area Training Working Team Representatives, or the Eastern Area's Geographic Area Training Representative (GATR, Darlene Hall) by e-mail darlene.hall@usda.gov or by phone at (414) 297-3456 or Cell 414-335-4656

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