

# Reinventing Local Economies with Place-Based Approaches: Examples from Coal Country

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# COAL-RELIANT COMMUNITIES INNOVATION CHALLENGE





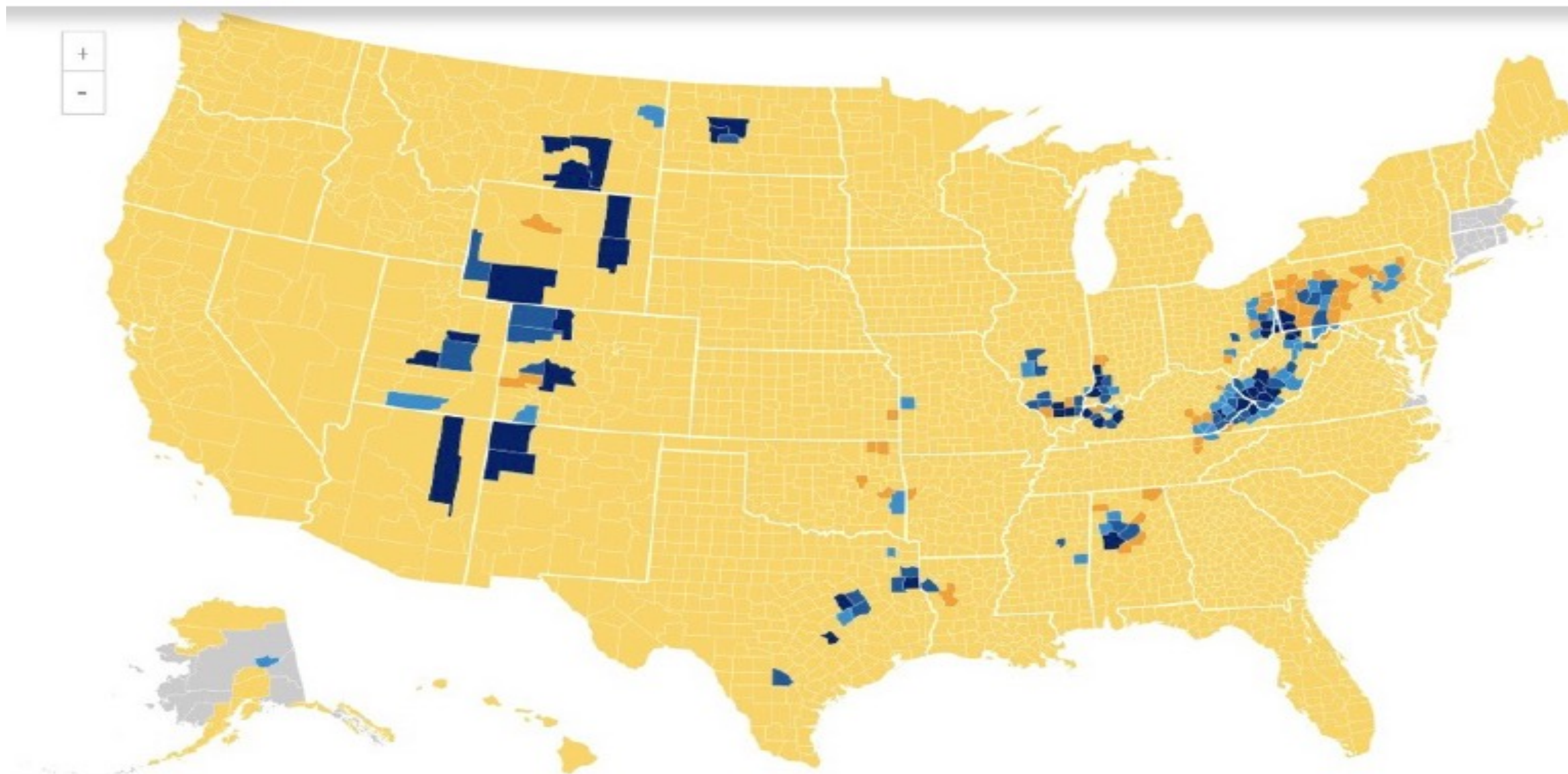


# GOAL

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To boost the innovative potential of places dependent on the coal industry that are seeking to grow and diversify their economies, create jobs and explore emerging opportunities

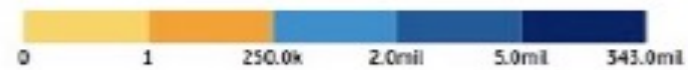




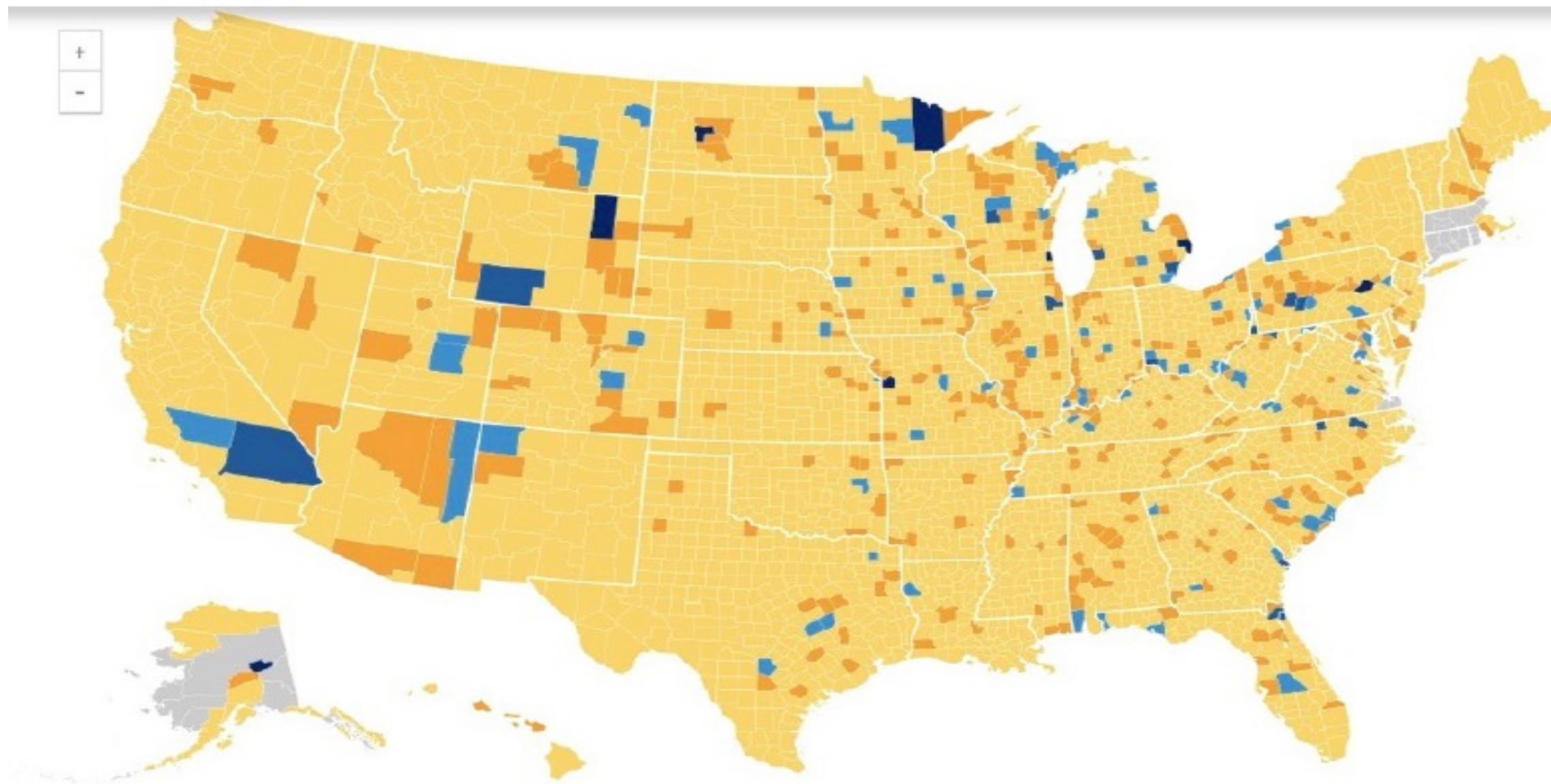
Source: NACo Analysis of U.S. Energy Information Administration Data, 2013

## Coal Producing Counties

2013 Coal Use & Production  
Coal Production



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## Coal Power Plant Counties

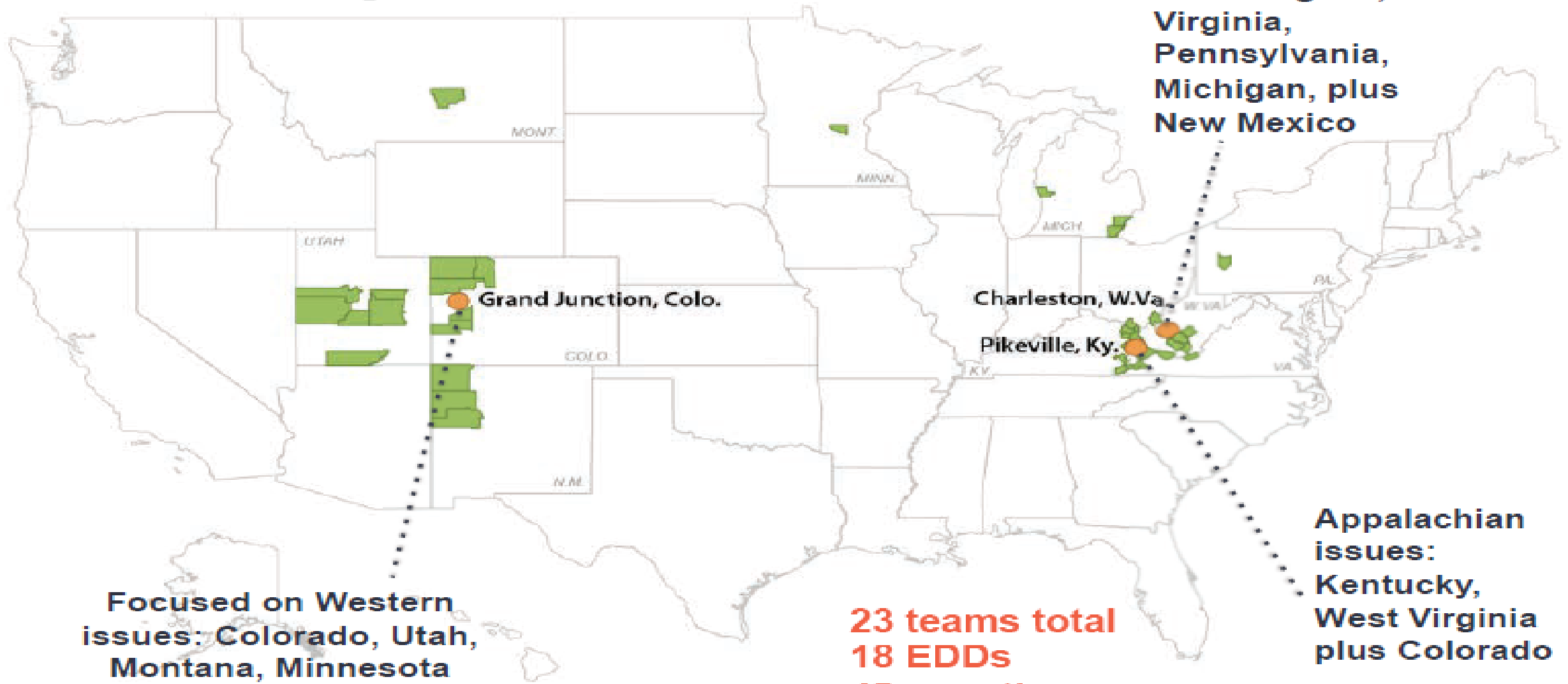
# Program Structure

September 2014 – March 2016





# Participants



**Cross-regional,  
cross-state  
sharing of lessons  
and strategies**

**Examples of other  
sectors and regions  
in transition,  
economic modeling  
and workforce data**

**Teams presented  
their strategies  
at conclusion of  
workshops**

**Teams were tasked  
with mapping out  
short and long term  
strategies**



**Facilitated  
discussions on  
special topics based  
on team needs**