



# **Community Assistance & Technical Services (CATS) Overview**

## **2013 Pipeline Safety Trust Conference**

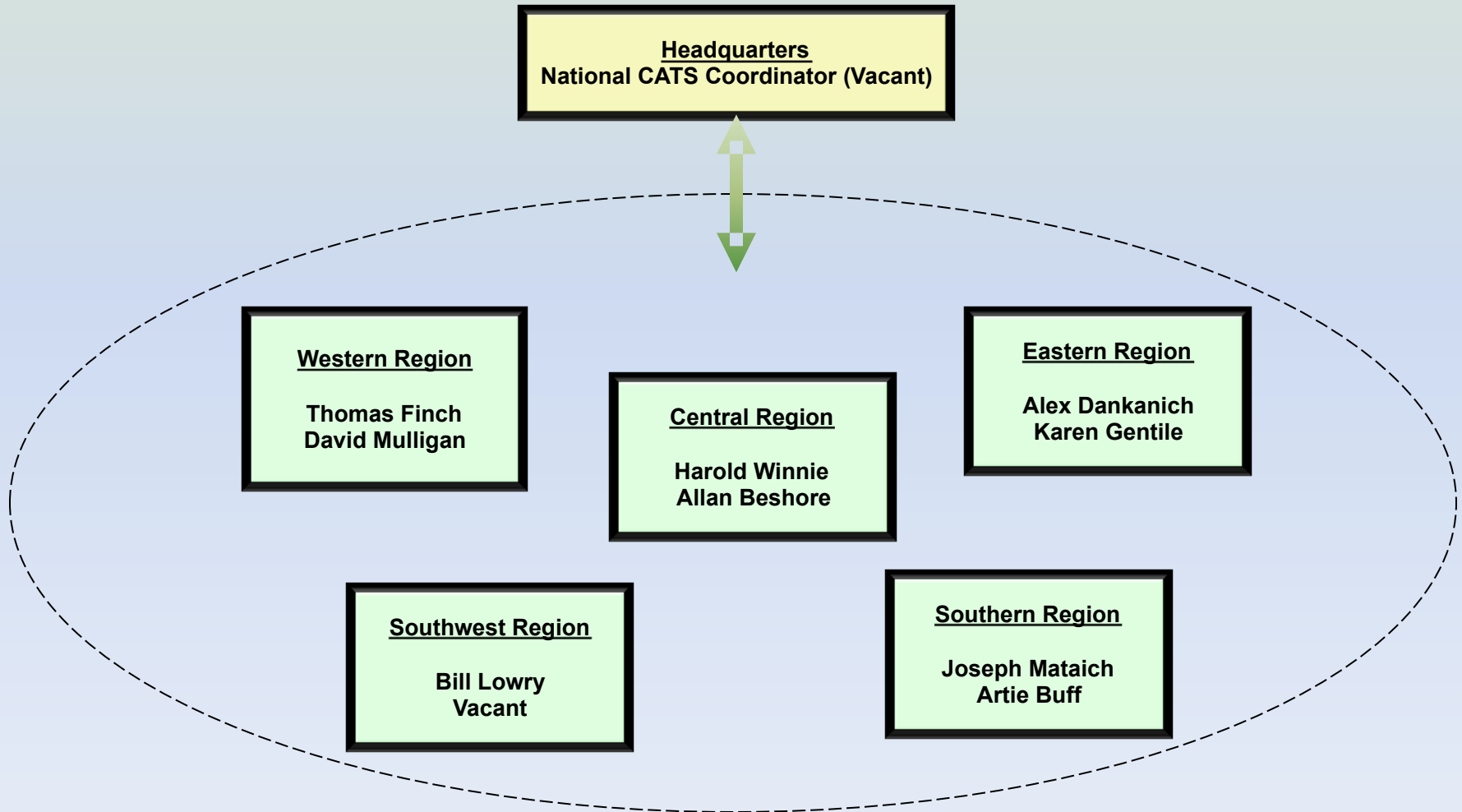
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# CATS Program Mission

*To advance public safety, environmental protection, and pipeline reliability by facilitating clear communications among all pipeline stakeholders, including the public, pipeline operators, and government officials.*

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## National CATS Coordinator Responsibilities

- Develops the National CATS Action Plan
  - Establish risk-based priorities for regionally based CATS
  - Communicate national program initiatives to CATS
- Provide support in hiring of new CATS Managers
- Create and deliver communications targeting community and governmental organizations (presentations, newsletters, etc.)
- Facilitate monthly CATS meetings
- Actively attend & present at stakeholder meetings & conferences
- Manage and support damage prevention initiatives:
- Public Awareness (workshop, program effectiveness planning)
- Grant program management
- Coordinate changes to Stakeholder Communication (Operator Pages) and SharePoint



# CATS Manager Responsibilities

- Serve as a regional point-of-contact to facilitate communications regarding pipeline safety among:
  - PHMSA
  - Other federal agencies
  - State pipeline safety regulators
  - Elected and emergency officials
  - Pipeline operators
  - Public/landowners
- Respond to public inquiries and complaints regarding pipelines and pipeline operations
- Speak and present at pipeline safety meetings, conferences, workshops on a variety pipeline topics
- Participate with local and state officials in emergency-response drills
- Consult with OPS headquarters on rulemaking activities (e.g., the IM rule for gas pipelines, integration of RP 1162 into rule, etc.)
- Perform inspections ([Public Awareness](#), Operator Qualification, Security, Operations and Maintenance, and Integrity Management inspections)
- Participate on Common Ground Alliance Committees

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