SET engages multi-county regions in a process of identifying common regional economic priorities and implementing a plan.

Of the 532 counties involved with SET 147 are persistent poverty counties.

Persistently poor counties are counties that have had 20% or more of their populations living in poverty over the past 30 years. As delineated by the USDA Economic Research Service

There are currently 353 persistently poor counties in the nation. 2 out of 5 of all persistent poverty counties are engaged in SET. SET reaches 147/353 persistent poverty counties in the U.S.

For every $1 invested in SET programming, regions are leveraging $200 in support of implementation of regional tourism, infrastructure, workforce development, and more.

"SET continues to play a role by bringing regions together to share achievements and challenges so that we can learn from other areas around the country who are facing similar problems."

- SET Participant

The dollar amount SET Regions have already leveraged is $799,329,361.

SET Regions engage a broad range of partners:
- Business & Industry
- Government
- Faith-Based Orgs.
- Nonprofit Orgs.
- Education
- Local Citizens
- Health
- Financial Institutions
- Econ. Development

32 States Served by SET

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Persistent poverty counties in the U.S. as delineated by the USDA Economic Research Service

47 out of 100 Regions are newly formed to participate in SET.

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