



**Strong Foundations For
Our Youngest Children**



Quality Rating and Improvement Systems

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QRIS



A word cloud on a black background featuring various terms related to QRIS. The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with 'Quality' and 'Standards' at the top, 'QRIS' in the center, and 'Access' and 'Learning' on the right. Other terms include 'Accountability', 'Financing', 'Early', 'Ratings', and 'CQI'.

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Why Quality Matters

A Science-Based Framework for Early Childhood Policy

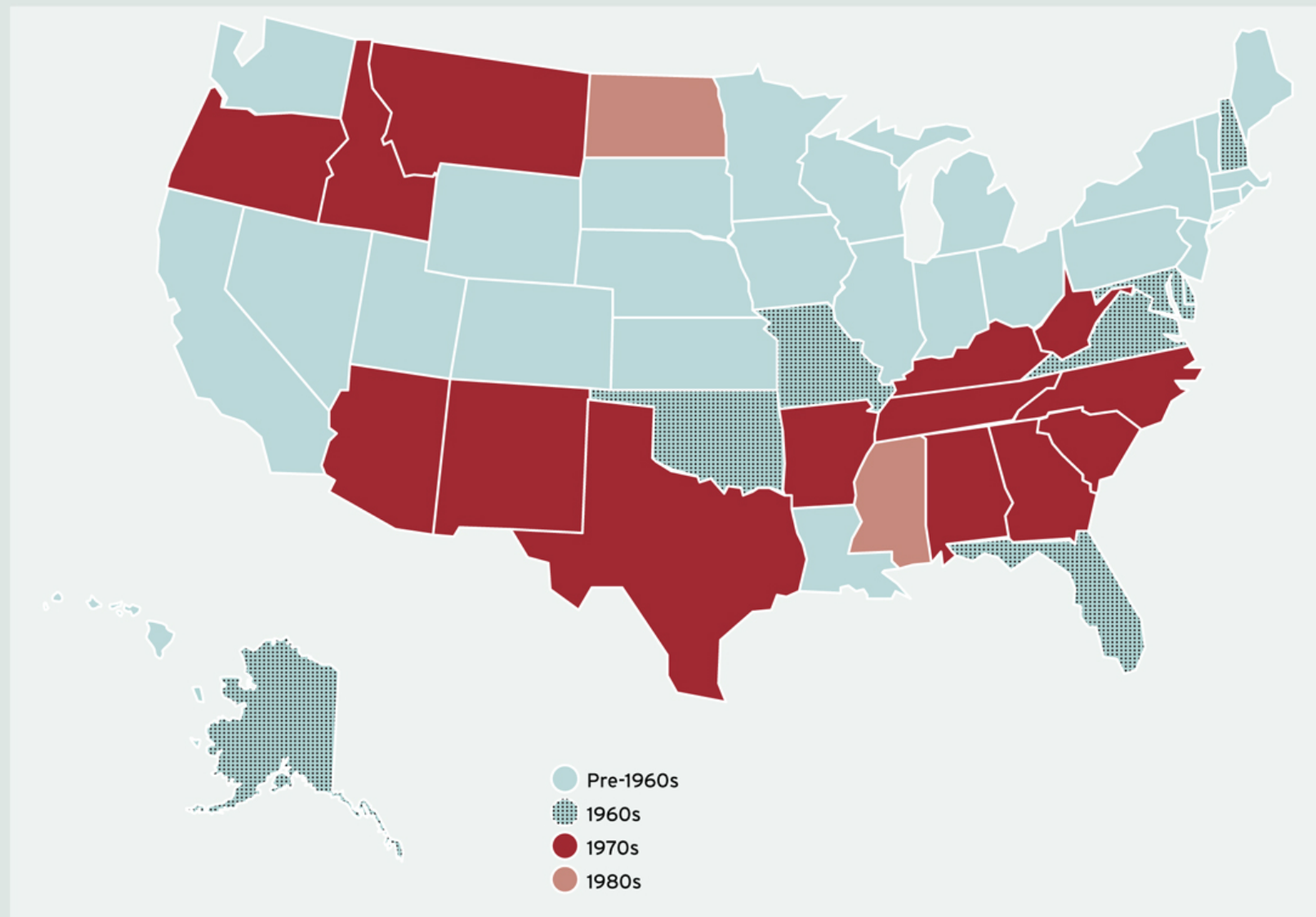
Using Evidence to Improve Outcomes in Learning, Behavior, and Health for Vulnerable Children



There is strong, scientific evidence for the fact that high quality ECE can have lasting effects on brain architecture, and child development

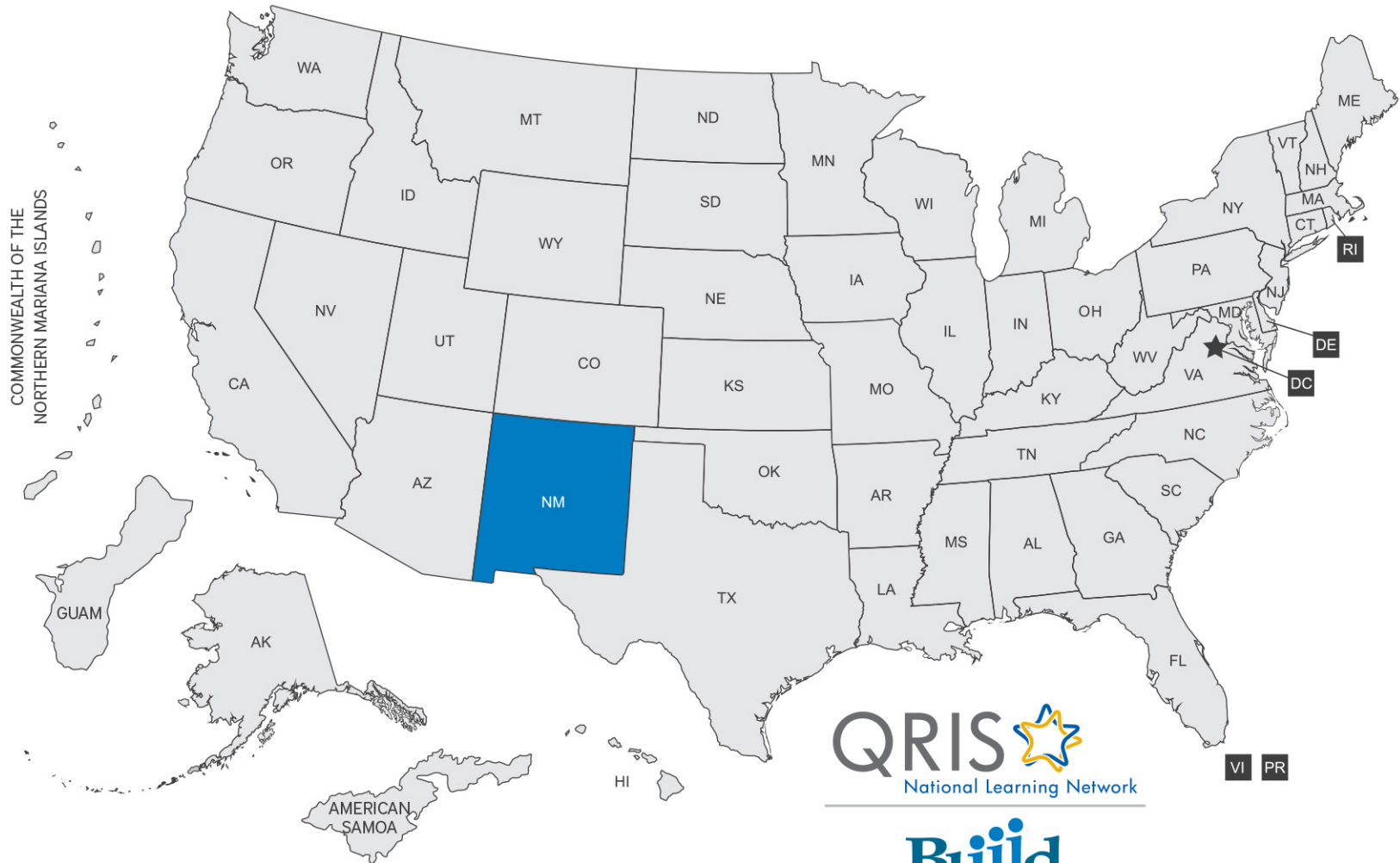
States Fall in Line (Figure 2)

Nearly all states had launched kindergarten funding initiatives by the end of the 1970s.



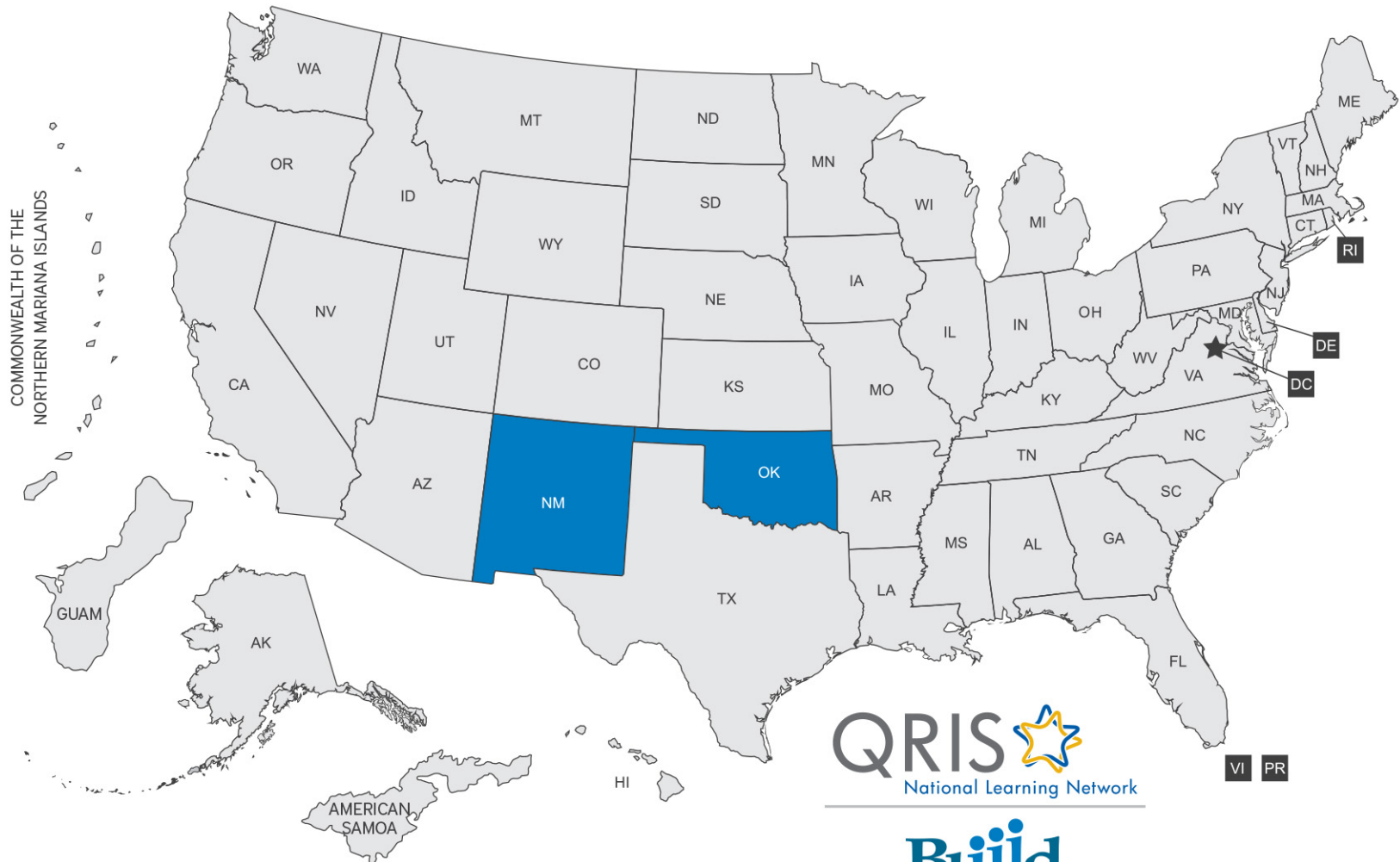
SOURCE: Author calculations based on historical publications and state session laws.

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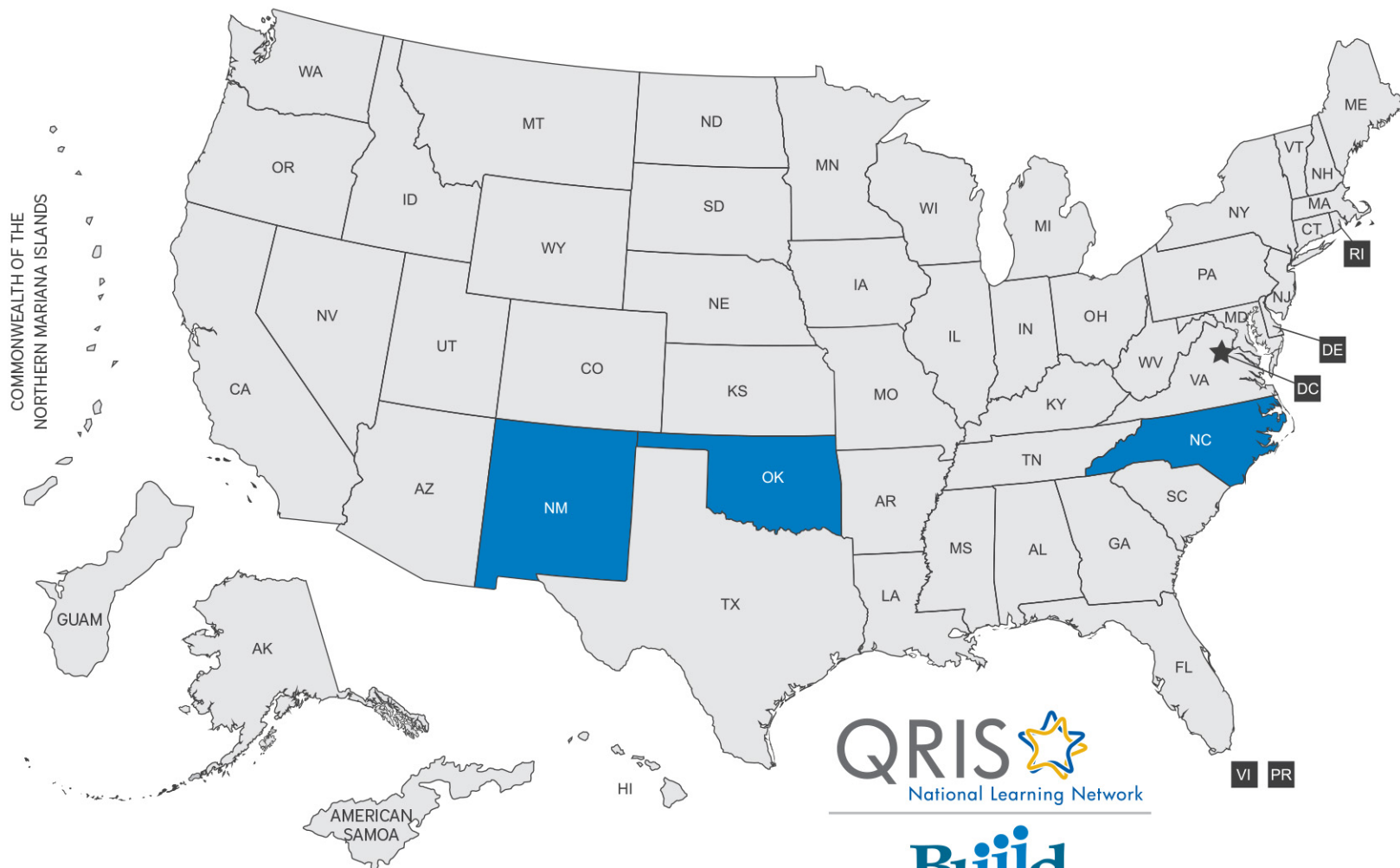
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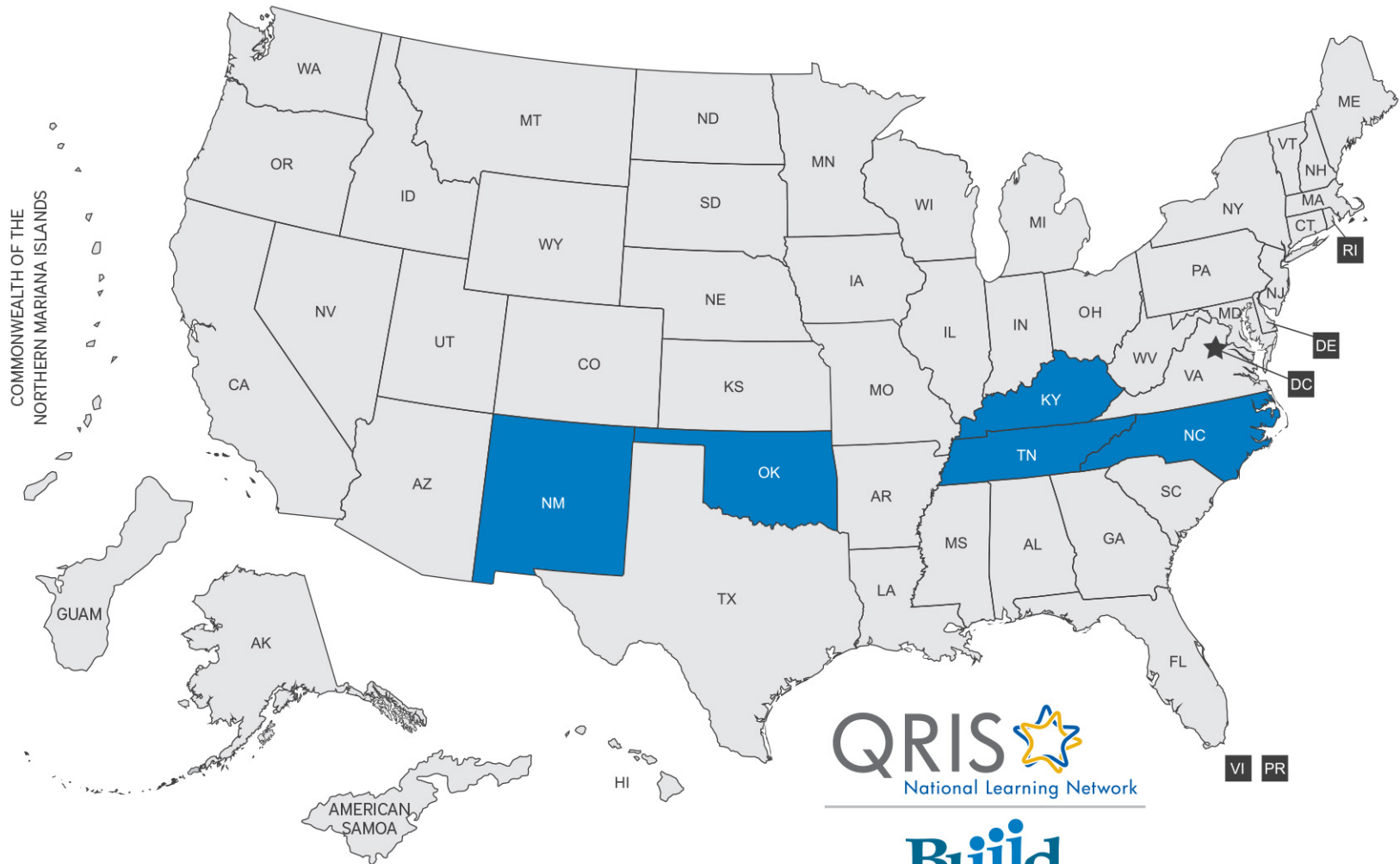
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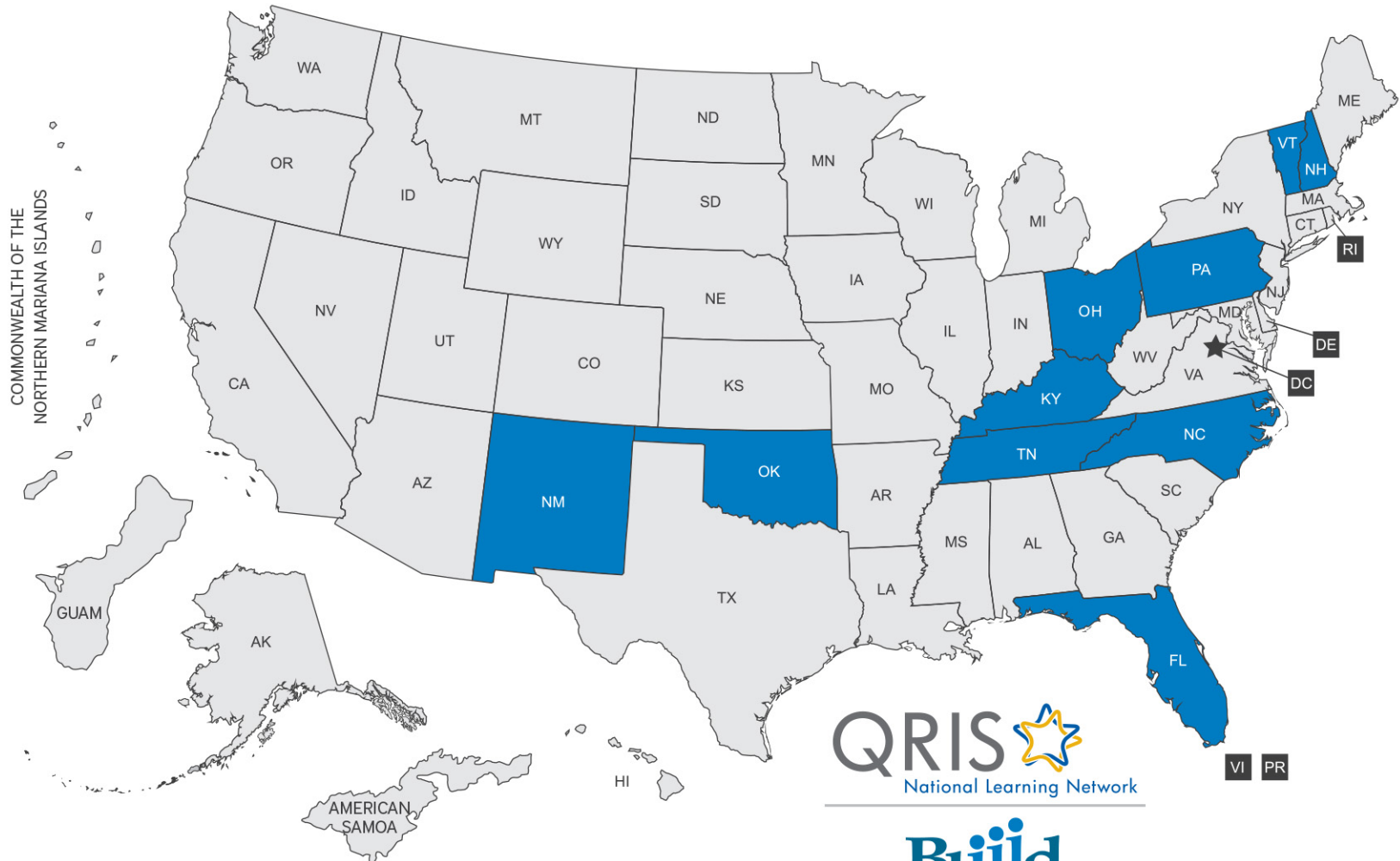
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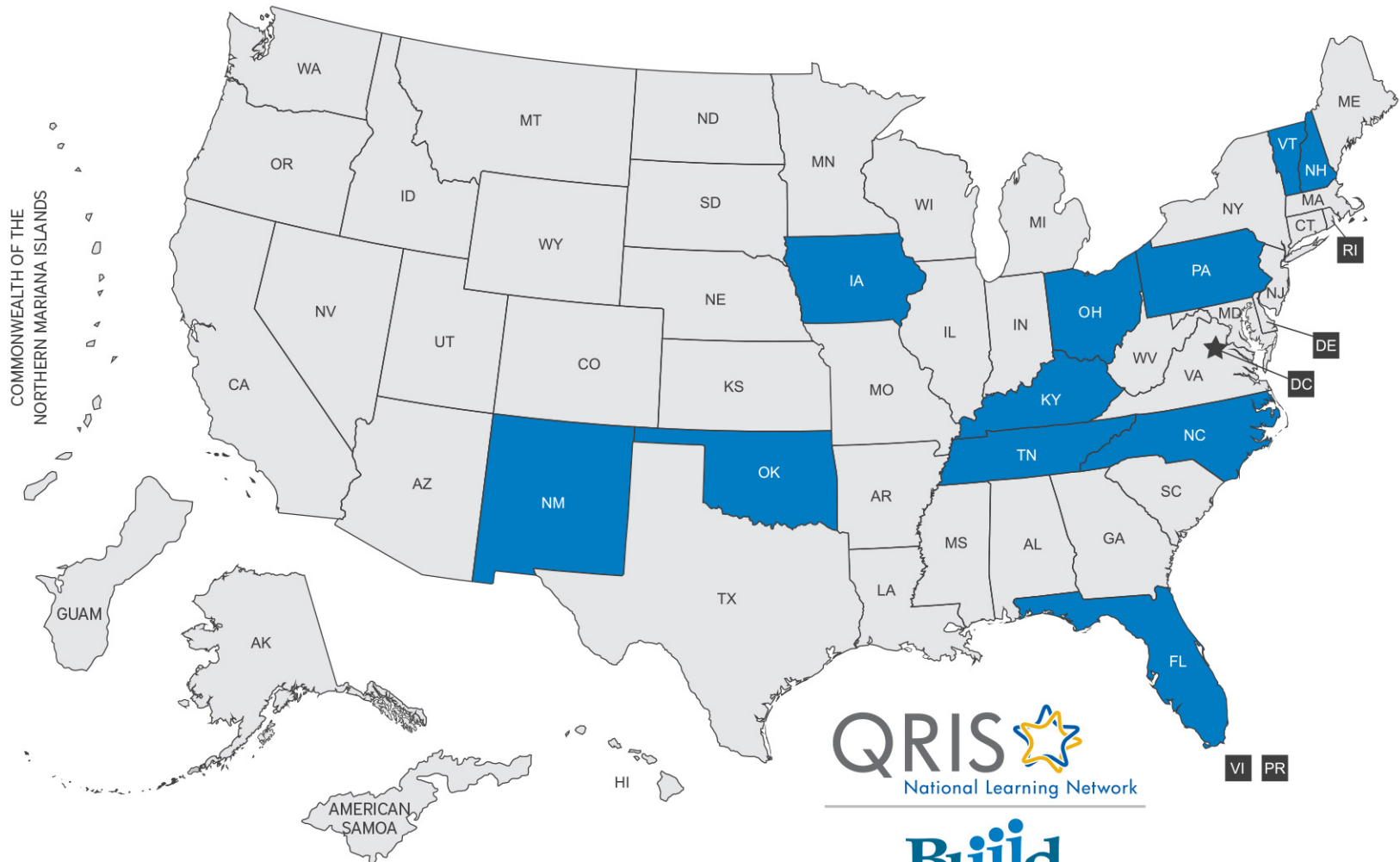
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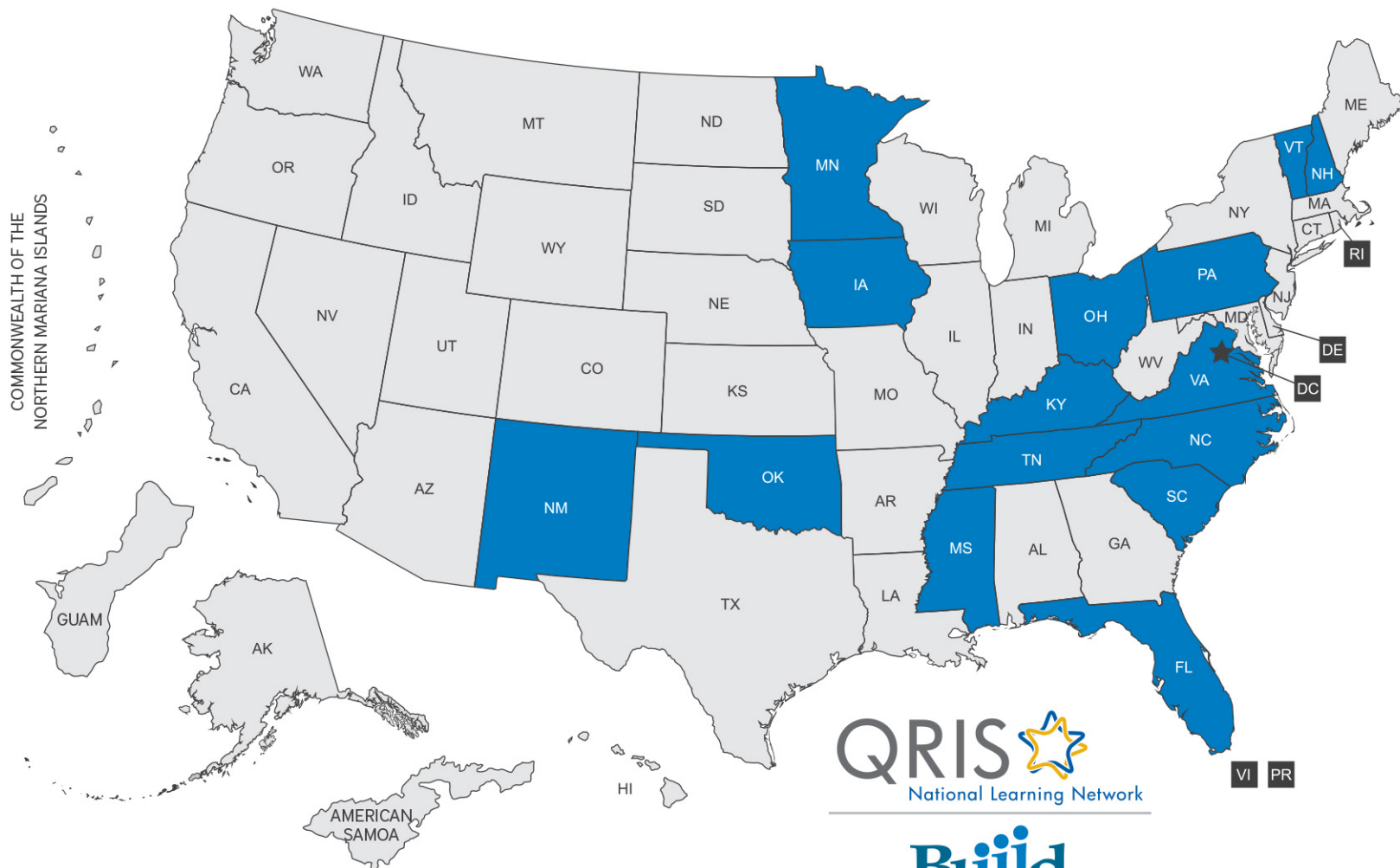
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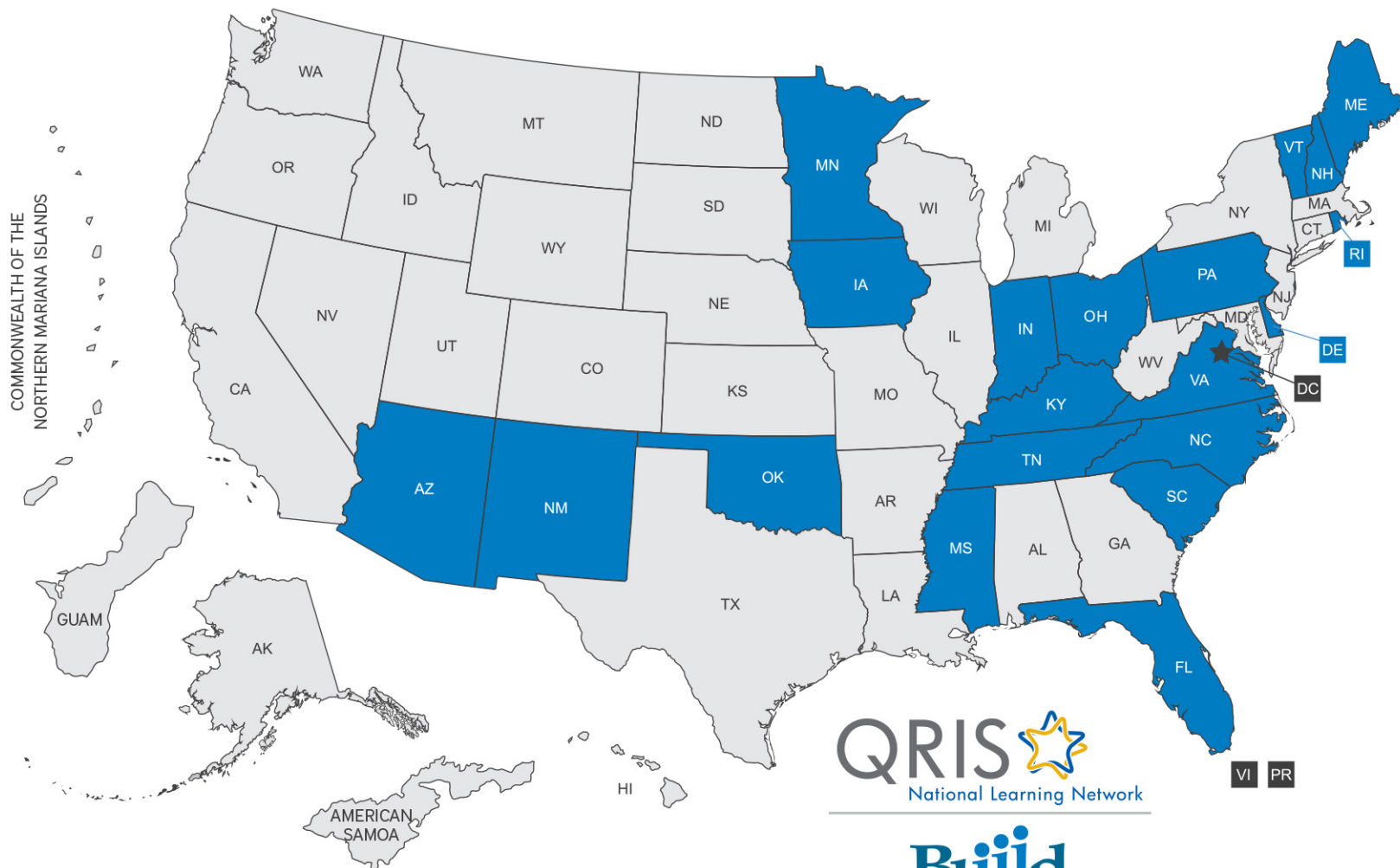
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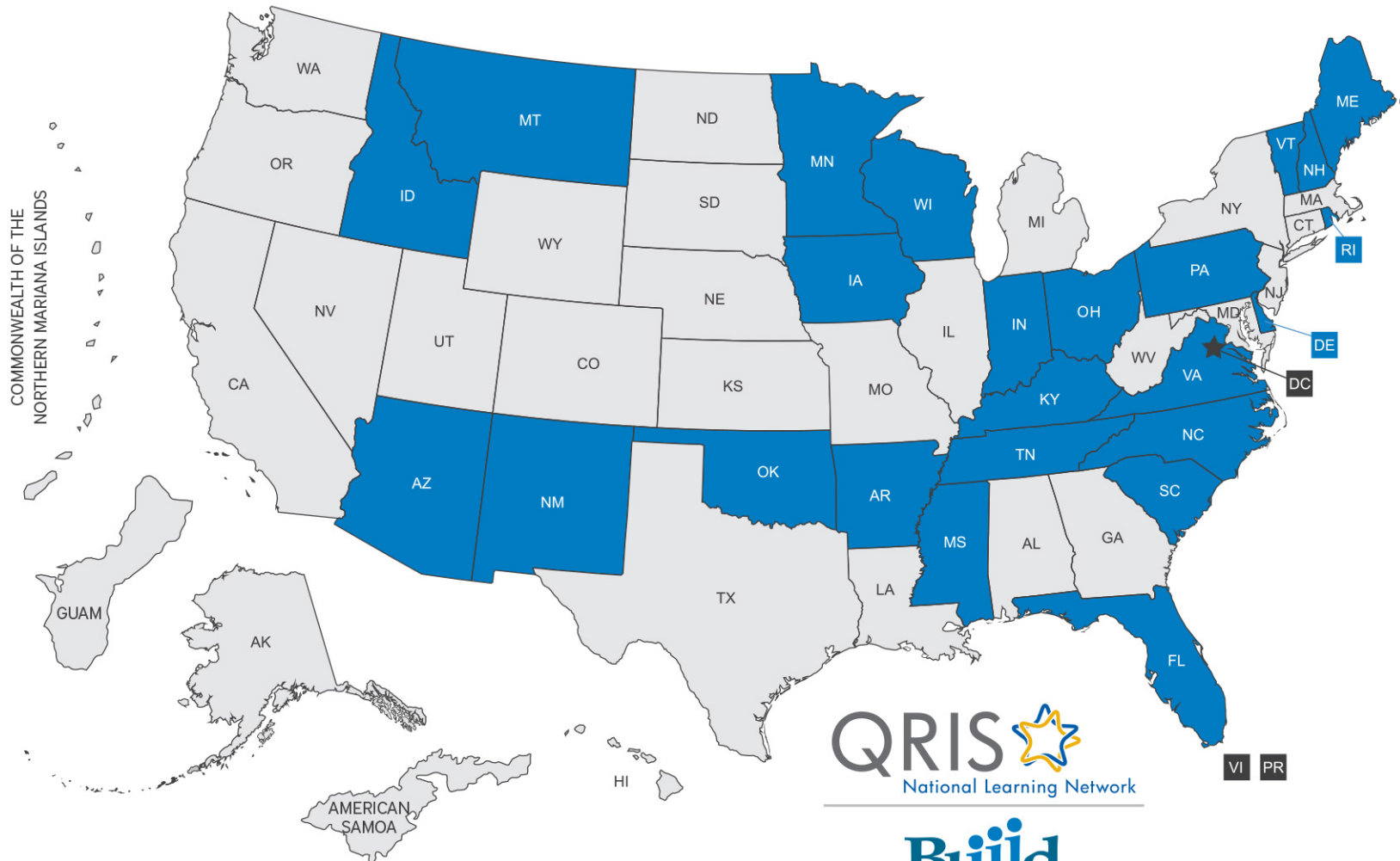
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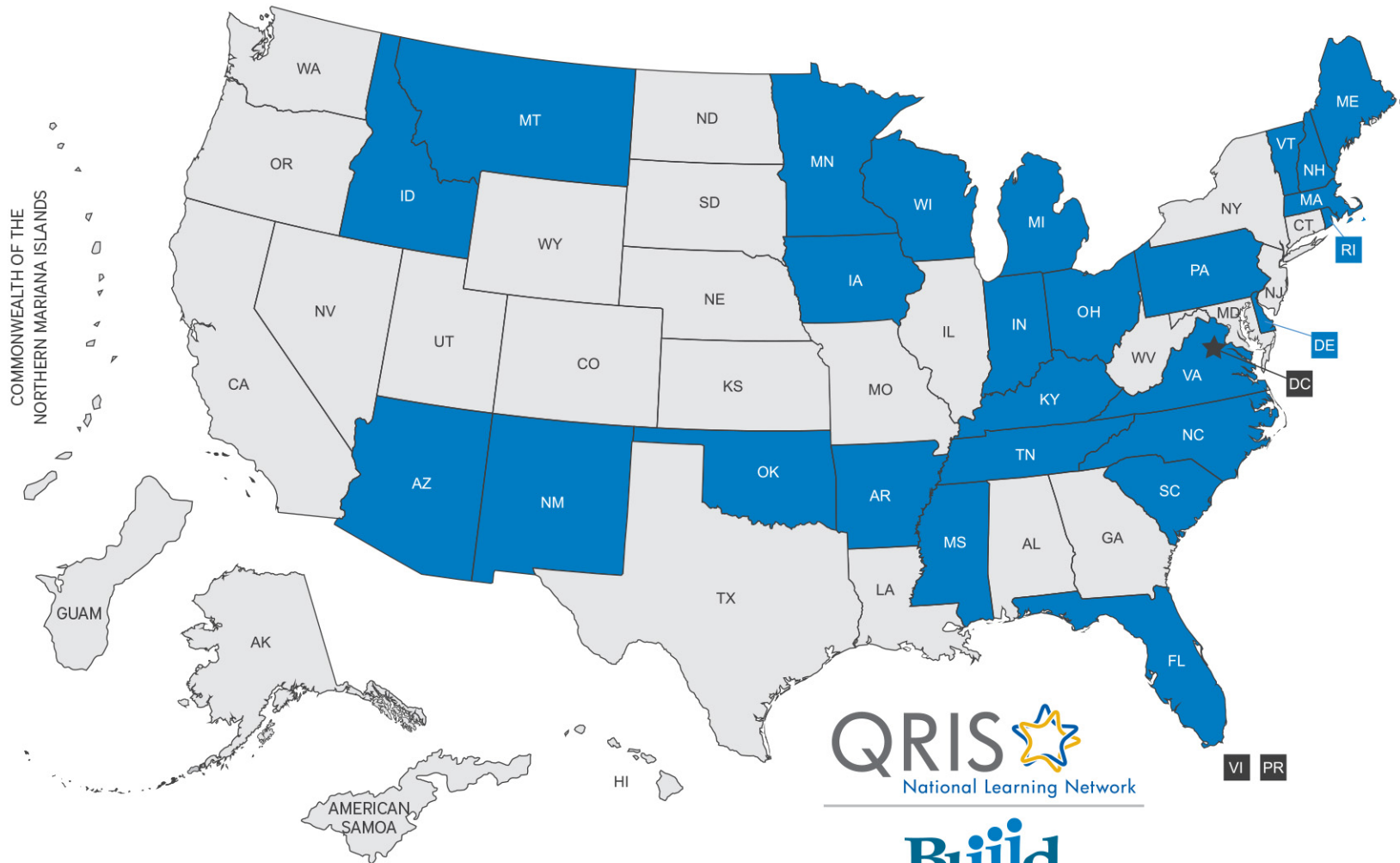
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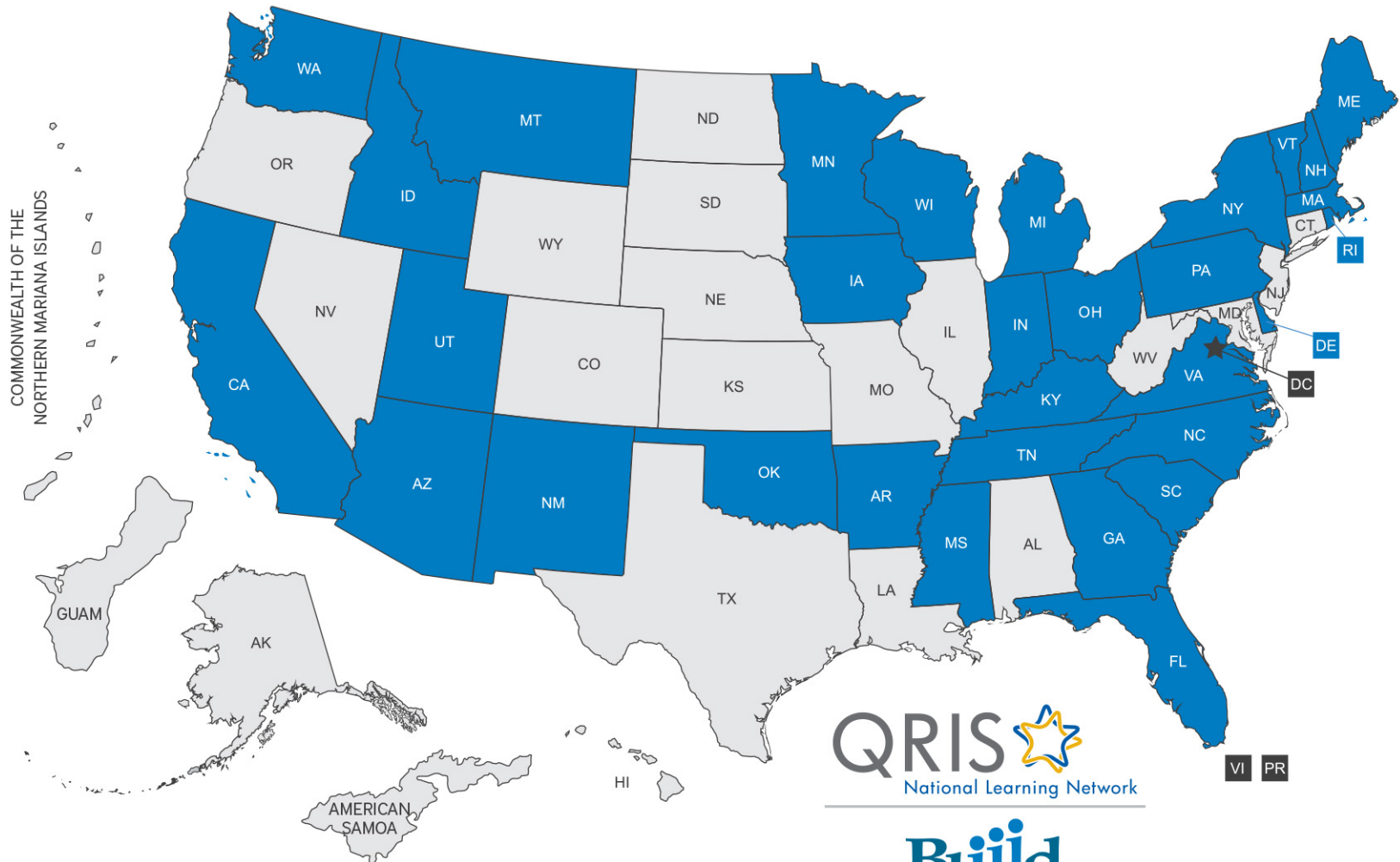
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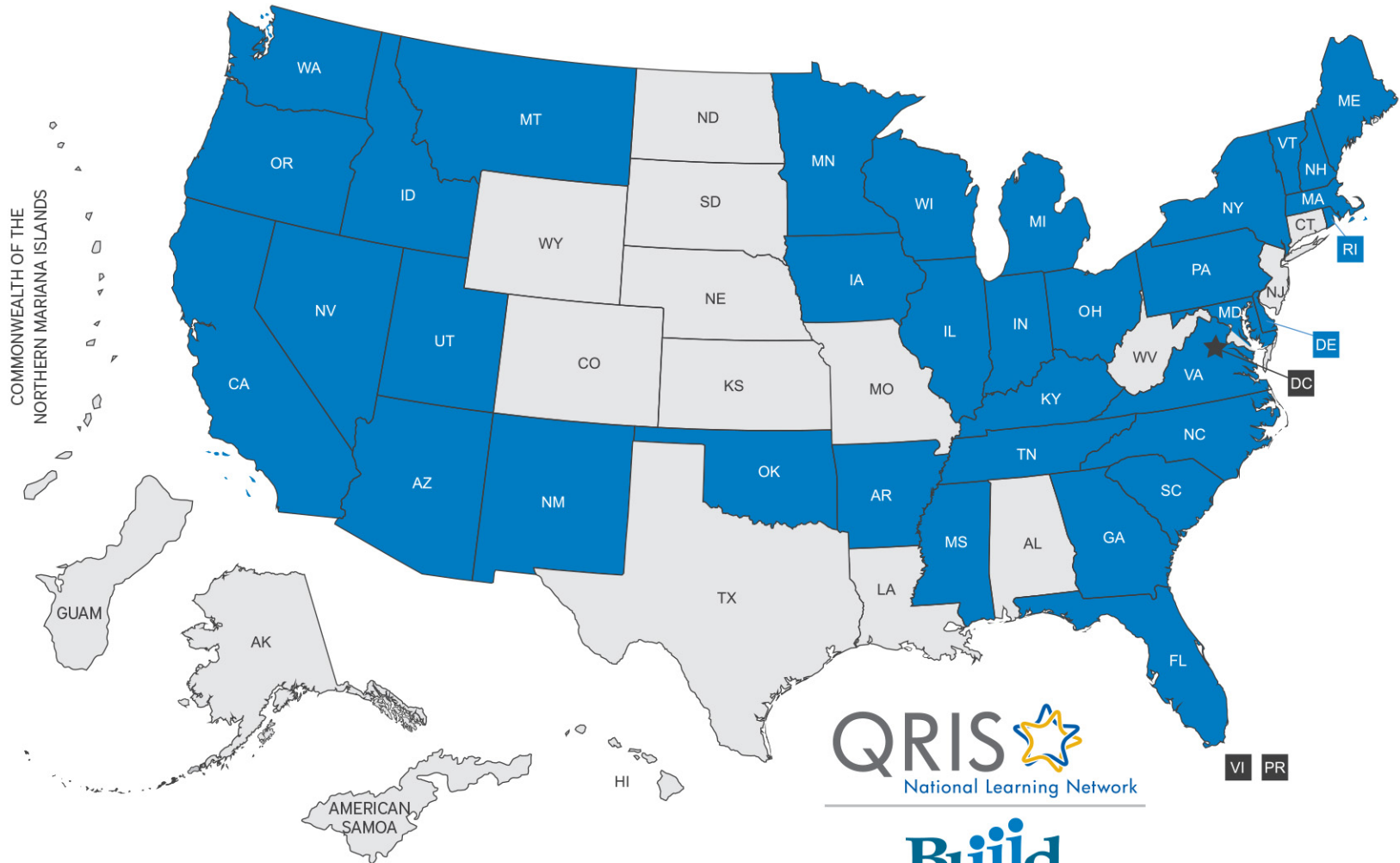
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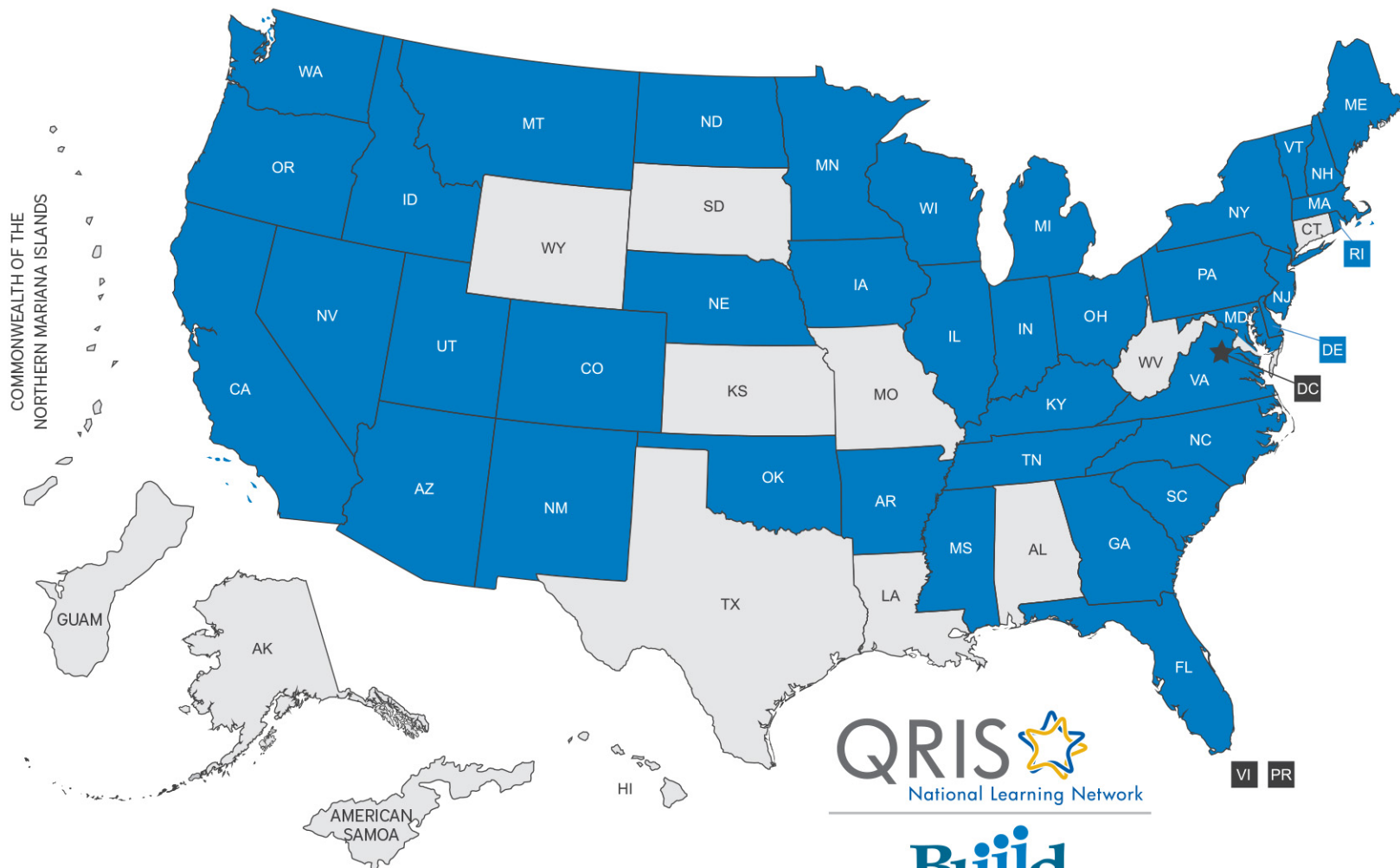
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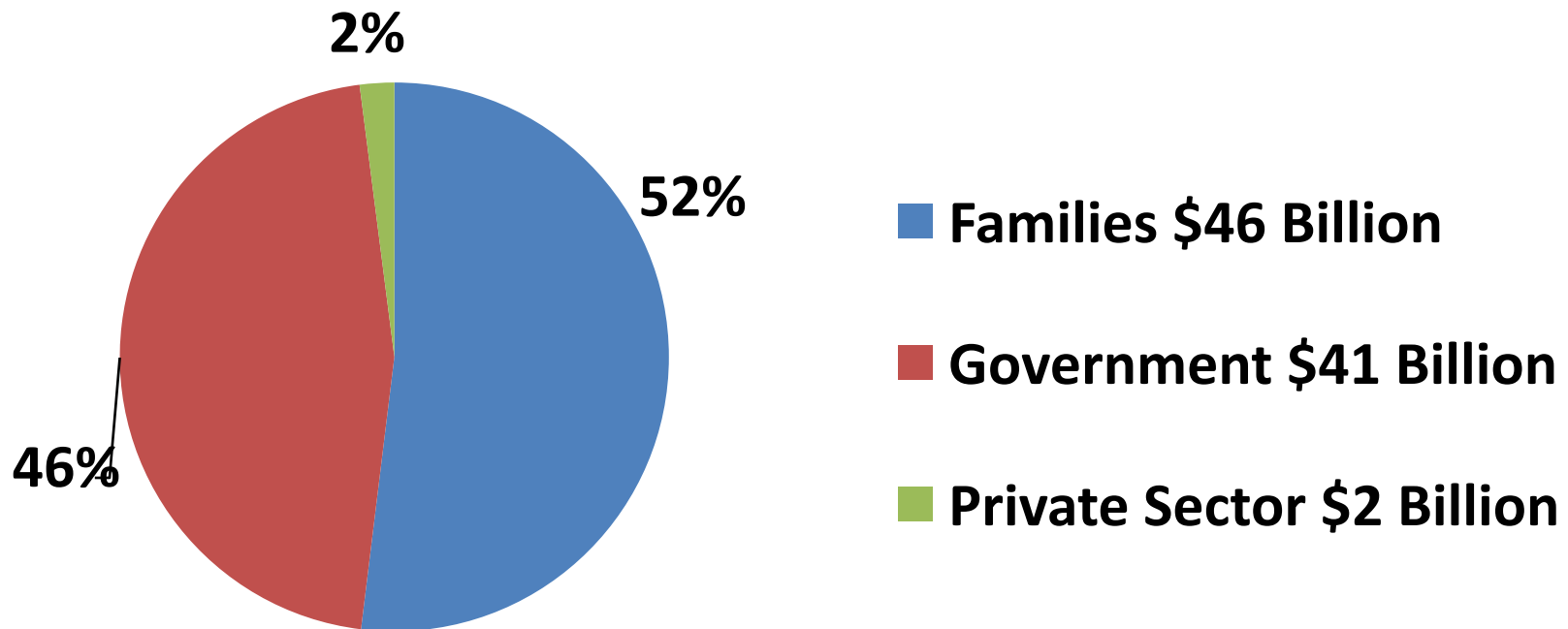
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ECE Revenue Sources

Shares of Funding in US ECE Market (FY 2015)



Intervening for Quality

Quality Rating Improvement Systems can be powerful market interventions

1. **Improve Quality Assurance** – progressive standards, with assessment & monitoring **defines quality**
2. **Offer Supply-side** interventions – program and practitioner supports (TA and PD) and direct financial support for programs via tiered payment rates, quality awards, etc. **supports the increased cost of quality**
3. **Offer Demand-side** interventions – public ratings, consumer education and financial incentives and supports for families **informs choice AND supports the increased cost of quality**