A simplistic way to picture the U.S. system is by thinking of a pyramid with national activities at the top and moving down through regional and state activities to local activities at the bottom of the pyramid. Most development is done at the top, adoption throughout the vertical struct

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