



Progress Report

Established by the Legislature in 1994, the Maine Quality Centers program is an economic development initiative of the Maine Community College System. Its mission is to meet the workforce education and training needs of new and expanding businesses and provide new employment and career advancement opportunities for Maine people. Customized training is provided at no cost to either the businesses or the trainees. To qualify, a business must be adding at least eight new, full-time positions with competitive wages, benefits and a specific skill level. In rural areas a project may be approved with fewer than eight new positions.

- ★ **234** expanding Maine businesses have been served by the **Maine Quality Centers** program, creating a projected **13,392** new jobs.
- ★ **14,389** Maine people have completed **MQC** training.
- ★ **12,147** have been hired at an average project wage of **\$12.28** per hour.
- ★ The **Maine Quality Centers** program has received more than **27,050** trainee applications for the projected **13,392** new job openings.
- ★ **60%** of **MQC** projects are in one of the **7** target industries identified by the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development.
- ★ **59%** of participating businesses had **100** or fewer employees.
- ★ Companies served by the program represent a projected **\$2.4 billion** in related private investment in Maine.
- ★ The estimated return on investment is **14** months.

The Maine Quality Centers program has helped Maine businesses expand in all 16 counties!

Accidental Anomalies, Turner
Advanced Microsystems, Lewiston
Aetna, Portland
Affiliated Computer Services, Lewiston
Albert Farms, Madawaska
Amato's Sandwich Shop, Portland
Applicators Sales & Services, Portland
Aroostook Medical Center, Presque Isle
Atlantic Boat, Brooklin
ATX Forms Inc., Washburn
ATX II LLC, Caribou
Backyard Farms, Madison
Banknorth, Inc., Portland
Bath Iron Works, Bath
Becket Academy/House, Belgrade
Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Bangor/Portland
Brewer Automotive, Brewer
Brunswick Technologies Inc., Brunswick
Burgess Computers, Bath
Burnham & Morrill, Portland
Care & Comfort, Waterville
Carrier Engineering, Auburn
Cary Medical Center, Caribou
Catholic Charities Maine, Augusta
CCS Companies, Oxford
Central Maine Power, Augusta
Cianbro, Various
Circle of Learning, Presque Isle
Citistreet, Portland
Cives Steel Company, Augusta
CN Brown, South Paris
CNC Systems, Kennebunk
Community Partners, Biddeford
Connect North America, Presque Isle
Cooper Weymouth Peterson, Clinton
Corning Incorporated, Kennebunk
Cousineau Lumber, North Anson
Creative Molding, Auburn
Custom Composites, Bath
Dingley Press, Lisbon
Dirigo Machines, Inc., Weeks Mills
Disability R.M.S., Westbrook
Don's Sheet Metal, Biddeford
Down East Community Hospital, Machias
Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor
Edwards Systems Technology, Pittsfield
Eliot Preschool & Child Care, Eliot
Elmhurst, Inc., Bath
Employment Specialists of ME, Augusta
Fairchild Semiconductor, South Portland
Fisher Engineering, Rockland
Flotation Technologies, Biddeford
Gates Fibre, Auburn
General Dynamics, Saco
General Electric, Bangor
Genplex, Inc., Waterville
Global Contact Services, Pittsfield
Goodall Hospital, Sanford
Goodwill Industries, Portland
Great Northern Docks, Naples
Great Works Internet, Biddeford
Group Main Stream, Portland
Haley's Tire & Service, Falmouth
Hinckley Co., South West Harbor
Howard P Fairfield, Skowhegan
Hussey Seating, No. Berwick
ICT, Wilton
IDEXX, Westbrook
Independence Association, Brunswick
Interim Health, South Portland
Irving Forest Products, Ashland
Irving Tanning, Hartland
Irving Woodlands, Ashland
The Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor
JIUS, Inc., Westbrook
Jotul, N. A., Gorham
Keiser Building Systems, South Paris
Kennebec Valley Mental Health, Waterville
Kenway Corp., Augusta
Key Collection Services, Fairfield
K-PEL Industrial Services, Fort Fairfield
Lee Auto Mall, Westbrook
Lemforder Corp., Brewer
Lewiston Daily Sun, Lewiston
Liberty Mutual, Lewiston
Lohmann Animal Health INTL, Winslow
Loring Job Corp (TDC), Limestone
Louisiana-Pacific Corporation, Houlton
M&K Machine (dba Met-Craft), Auburn
M P & G Machine, Lewiston
M.W. Sewall, Bath
Main Resources, Inc., South Portland
Maine Coast Memorial Hospital, Ellsworth
Maine Internet Works, Fairfield
Maine Machine Products, South Paris
Maine Manufacturing, Sanford
Maine Medical Center, Portland
Maine Metal Products Association
Maine Public Broadcasting, Lewiston
Maine Woods Company, Portage Lake
Maine Woods Pellet, Athens
McCain Foods USA, Inc., Easton
Medaphis Physician Services, Lewiston
Mid-Coast Mental Health Center, Rockland
Mid-Maine Transcription, Dover-Foxcroft
Mid-State Machine, Winslow
Millinocket Regional Hospital, Millinocket
Molds Plus, Lewiston
Mölnlycke Health Care, Brunswick
Mom's Fudge, Madawaska
Moody's Collision Centers, Scarborough
Moose River Lumber, Moose River
Morgan Lumber, Bingham
Moss, Inc, Belfast
Motivational Services, Inc., Augusta
Mount Desert Island Hospital, Bar Harbor
National Semiconductor, South Portland
Nautel Maine, Bangor
New Balance, Norway
New England Rehab. Hospital, Portland
New England Tool & Cutter, Fryeburg
NEWFAB, Auburn
Nexfor/Fraser/Levesque, Ashland
North End Composites, Rockland
Northeast Mobile Health, Brunswick Northeast
Paper Services, Portland
Northern Maine Medical Center, Fort Kent
Northern Mattress, Fairfield
Northern Pride Communication, Topsham
Notify MD, Farmington
Oakes & Parkhurst Glass, Winslow
One Beacon Insurance, Auburn
Orion Ropeworks, Winslow
Osram Sylvania, Bangor
Oxford Aviation, Oxford
Oxford County Telephone, Buckfield
Pattison Sign Group, Limestone
Penobscot Valley Hospital, Millinocket
The Perrier Group, Hollis
Pineland Lumber, Lewiston
Pleasant River Lumber, Dover-Foxcroft
PlumChoice, Scarborough
Poliquin Machinery, Inc., Auburn
Pratt & Whitney, N. Berwick
Precision Manufacturing, Biddeford
Precision Screw Machine, Biddeford
Prescott Metal, Biddeford
Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau, Portland
The Progress Center, Norway
Prudential Financial Services, Portland
R.F. Chamberland, St Agatha
Remstar, Portland
Residential Resources, Scarborough
Resilient Communications, Brunswick
RETRAX, Woodland
Rich Technology Intl, Scarborough
Rollease, Brunswick
S. & D. Inc., Lewiston
Sabre Corporation, South Casco
Seligman Data Corp., South Portland
Sitel, Limestone
Smith & Wesson, Houlton
Soleras Ltd., Biddeford
Somatex, Inc., Pittsfield
Specialty Minerals, Madison/Millinocket
Spurwink School, Various
St. Croix Tissue, Baileyville
Stonewall Kitchen, York
Support Solutions, Lewiston
Sweetser, Saco
Synergent, Westbrook
Tambrands, Auburn
TD Banknorth, Lewiston
TechKnowledge, Inc., Augusta
Titan Machinery, Windham
T-Mobile, Oakland
Tri-County Mental Health, Lewiston
USA Webhost Inc., Kennebunk
VIP Discount Auto, Lewiston
VingTech Corporation, Biddeford
Volunteers of America, Brunswick
W.A. Mitchell Inc., Temple
Wahlco MetroFlex, Lewiston
Wasco Products, Wells
Washington Cnty Psychotherapy Machias
Worldwide Language Resrcs, Rumford
Wright Express, South Portland
Yale Cordage, Inc., Biddeford
York County Dental Association, Wells