



# 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.*

- ★ **228** expanding Maine businesses have been served by the **Maine Quality Centers** program, creating a projected **12,820** new jobs.
- ★ **13,935** Maine people have completed **MQC** training.
- ★ **11,866** have been hired at an average project wage of **\$11.86** per hour.
- ★ The **Maine Quality Centers** program has received more than **26,324** trainee applications for the projected **12,820** new job openings.
- ★ **62%** 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 **\$2.1 billion** in related private investment in Maine.
- ★ The estimated return on investment is **13** 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  
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 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  
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  
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  
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