2006-2007 Maine Jobs Council Agenda
(April 2006, January 2007)

I n March 2005, the Division of Labor Information Services, provided to the Workforce Cabinet ("the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet") of the Governor, the final report of the Governor’s Workforce Cabinet for the fiscal year 2005-2006.

The report highlights the impact that technology, globalization, social change, and changing demographics have had on the workforce requirements of our state. The report contended that there are several key challenges that will have to be addressed in the near future to the policy decisions that one made today to direct the direction of Maine’s workforce. There are significant trends impacting the state of the workforce and workforce development in Maine.

3. Provide opportunities for Lifelong Learning and expand Externship opportunities to provide employers and students opportunities to maximize their existing human capital.

4. Build support for workers to manage their careers.

We must promote a focus on employer and skills training opportunities that provide flexible work schedules and promote workforce diversity.

The message embedded in the conversation will promote the Governor’s economic vision. Workforce, Maine’s workforce system, comprised of programs and institutions to provide education and skills training to workers and employers. The articulation of relevant skills training programs remains our most potent economic need to keep their skills current. Maine’s diverse economy and industries.

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The Workforce Development System

Guiding Principles

- Must be easy to understand and navigate.
- Must adapt quickly to changing technologies and market demands.
- Provides the means for personal and economic security and job satisfaction.

The Mission

The Maine Jobs Council (MJC) and its Committees are committed to creating a world-class workforce development system in Maine. The Council and Committees are a volunteer group of citizens from business, labor, education, community organizations, and the public working to create a world-class workforce development system in Maine.

The Vision

Maine people will have a high quality of life with employers will have skilled workers, and workers will have increased job security and satisfaction.

Apprenticeship Committee

The Apprenticeship Committee provides an opportunity to educate policy makers and the public about the Apprenticeship Program. The committee works to promote pre-apprenticeship programs to better meet the needs of Maine’s industries sectors and workforce. Industry associations participating in this committee represent over 1,000 Maine employers and 100,000 Maine workers.

Commission on Disability and Employment

The Disability Committee was formed in 2003 and developed operational procedures and by laws. A recommendation by the commission concerning Maine State Government employment practices for workers with disabilities led to an Executive Order by the Governor calling on Maine State Government to become a model employer of people with disabilities. Working with a variety of partners from the public, private and educational sectors, the commission helped by the commission concerning Maine State Government employment practices for workers with disabilities led to an Executive Order by the Governor calling on Maine State Government to become a model employer of people with disabilities.

Older Workers Committee

The Older Workers Committee focuses on promoting public awareness of the value of older workers in our economy. As part of that effort, the committee published a brochure on CareerCenter and employment resources for older workers and employees with disabilities. The Older Workers Committee President volunteer is currently being拂晓 the older worker. The committee is planning a series of job-recruitment events that will be coordinated during National Older Workers Week in September.

Women’s Employment Issues Committee

The Women’s Employment Issues Committee has worked to develop new products and services to meet the needs of employees in non-traditional career fields. In 2005, the committee developed a statement of purpose and set policy priorities in 2005. The committee worked to see that the State Workforce Investment Plan and business assistance endorsements came from the committees. The full Council continues to gain experience and maturity as an organization.

Employment Development System

The Employment Development System is comprised of 13 members representing the private sector, educational systems and the public sector. The Employment Development System to advance the education and skills of Maine workers and to be responsive to the needs of Maine employers.

The Maine Jobs Council

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Members and Budget

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Budget

- Total $72,191.03
  - Salaries: $62,325.40
  - Operating: $0

Committee Reports

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