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MAINE QUALITY CENTERS

PROGRESS REPORT



Established by the Legislature in 1994, the Maine Quality Centers program is an economic development initiative of the Maine Technical 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 Vocational Preparation skill level.

★ **124** expanding Maine businesses have been served by the Maine Quality Centers program creating a projected **6,221** new jobs.

★ **6,885** Maine people have completed training. **6,013** have been hired at an average wage of **\$9.69 per hour** (full-time jobs with benefits).

★ The Maine Quality Centers program has received more than **17,000** applications for the projected **6,150** new job openings.

★ **67%** of Quality Centers 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 **\$1.4 billion** in related private investment in Maine.

★ The estimated return on investment is **18** months.

★ The Maine Quality Centers program has helped Maine businesses expand in **14** of Maine's **16** counties.

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Maine Quality Centers has helped Maine businesses expand in 14 of Maine's 16 counties.

BUSINESSES SERVED 1995-2001

Amato's, Portland
 Andover Wood Products, Andover
 ATX Forms Inc., Washburn
 Augat/Thomas & Betts, Sanford
 Avian Farms, Waterville
 Banknorth, Portland
 Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Bangor/Portland
 Brewer Automotive, Brewer
 Brunswick Technologies Inc., Brunswick
 Care & Comfort, Waterville
 Catholic Charities Maine, Augusta
 CMP, Augusta
 Championship Flooring, Limestone
 Cianbro, Statewide
 CNA Consortium
 Alternative Nursing, Portland
 Health South Home Care, Portland
 Maine Medical Center, Portland
 N.E. Rehab. Hospital, Portland
 Community Living Options, Saco
 Cooper Weymouth Peterson, Clinton
 Crowe Rope, Winslow
 cyberTours Inc., Kennebunk
 Dingley Press, Lisbon
 Edwards Systems Technology, Pittsfield
 EM Solutions (EMS), Westbrook
 Employment Specialists of Maine, Augusta
 Eliot Preschool & Child Care, Eliot
 EnvisioNet, Augusta/Brunswick
 Fairchild Semiconductor, South Portland
 Forum Financial, Portland
 Freshway, Mars Hill
 Goodwill Industries, Portland
 Harris Baking Co., Waterville
 Hussey Seating, No. Berwick
 ICT, Oxford/Wilton/Pittsfield
 Idexx, Westbrook
 Interim Health Care, So. Portland
 Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor
 Johnna Bowen & Assoc., Benton
 Lemforder Corp., Brewer
 Liberty Mutual, Lewiston
 LogOn America, Kennebunk
 Maine Composite Alliance Consortium
 Atlantic Boat, Brooklin
 Brunswick Technologies, Brunswick
 Hinckley Co., SW Harbor
 Kenway Corp., Augusta
 North End Composites, Rockland
 Sabre Corp., So. Casco
 Maine Poly, Greene
 Maine Woods Company, Portage
 McCain Foods USA, Inc., Easton
 Medaphis Physician Services, Lewiston
 Metal Trades Coalition Consortium
 Atlantic Precision Products, Biddeford
 CNC Systems, Kennebunk
 Coastal Precision, Biddeford
 Don's Sheet Metal, Biddeford
 Hussey Seating, No. Berwick
 Precision Screw Machine, Biddeford
 Soleras Ltd., Biddeford
 Maine Internet Works, Waterville
 Mid-Maine Transcription, Dover-Foxcroft
 Moose River Lumber, Jackman
 Moss, Inc., Rockport
 Motivational Services, Inc., Augusta
 National Semiconductor, So. Portland
 Nautel of Maine, Bangor
 New Balance, Norway
 New England Tool & Cutter, Fryeburg
 NEWFAB, Auburn
 North Coast Internet, Lubec
 Northeast Paper Services, Portland
 Northern Mattress, Fairfield

Northern Maine Trucking Consortium
 Albert Farms, Madawaska
 J.D. Scott, Caribou
 Maine Packers Transport, Caribou
 R.F. Chamberland, St. Agatha
 Oakes & Parkhurst Glass, Winslow
 Olamon Industries, Old Town
 Ostram Sylvania, Bangor
 Oxford Aviation, Oxford
 Perrier Group, Hollis
 Posies, Inc., Belfast
 Pratt & Whitney, No. Berwick
 Prescott Metal, Biddeford
 Printlife.com, Saco
 Rich Tool & Die, Scarborough
 Remstar, Portland
 Richardson Hollow Assoc., Augusta
 Sensor, Research & Development, Orono
 Sitel, Limestone
 Somatex, Inc., Pittsfield
 Specialty Minerals, Madison
 Spencer Press, Wells
 Spurwink School, Statewide
 Stone & Webster, Auburn
 TechKnowledge, Inc., Augusta
 Tri-County Mental Health, Lewiston
 Tambrands, Auburn
 Undercar Specialists
 S. & D. Inc., Lewiston
 VIP Discount Auto, Lewiston
 Haley's Tire & Service, Falmouth

Unicel, Bangor
 Vishay-Sprague, Sanford
 Washington County Psychotherapist Associates, Machias
 Watts Fluid Air, Kittery
 Willow Rehab & Living Ctr., Waterville
 Yale Cordage, Inc., Biddeford

