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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 Community College System. It's 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.

- ★ 191 expanding Maine businesses have been served by the Maine Quality Centers program creating a projected 9,642 new jobs.
- ★10,054 Maine people have completed training. 9,682 have been hired at an average wage of \$10.74 per hour (full-time jobs with benefits).
- The Maine Quality Centers program has received more than 22,000 applications for the projected 9,642 new job openings.
  - ★ 66% of Quality Centers projects are in one of the 7 target industries identified by the Joint Select Committee on Research & Development.
    - $\star$  59% of participating businesses had 100 or fewer employees.
  - ★ Companies served by the program represent a projected \$1.7 billion in related private investment in Maine.
    - $\star$  The estimated return on investment is 14 months.
    - ★ The Maine Quality Centers program has helped Maine businesses expand in all of Maine's 16 counties.

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

**BUSINESSES SERVED 1995-2003** Amato's, Portland Andover Wood Products, Andover Applicator Sales and Service/Paradigm Window Solutions Portland Aroostook Starch, Fort Fairfield ATX Forms Inc., Washburn ATX II LLC, Caribou Augat/Thomas & Betts, Sanford Avian Farms Waterville Banknorth, Portland Becket Academy, Belgrade Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Bangor/Portland Brewer Automotive, Brewer Brunswick Technologies Inc., Brunswick Care & Comfort, Waterville Cary Medical Center, Caribou Catholic Charities Maine, Augusta CCS Companies, Oxford CMP, Augusta Championship Flooring, Limestone Circle of Learning, Presque Isle CISCO Consortium (CMCC) Advanced Microsystems, Lewiston Burgess Computers, Bath Carrier Engineering, Auburn CN Brown, South Paris Integrated Communications, Auburn Lewiston Daily Sun, Lewiston Maine Medical Center, Portland Maine Public Broadcasting, Lewiston Sharp Enterprises, Brunswick CISCO Consortium (YCCC)

Point to Point Network, Windham Preti, Flaherty & Beliveau, Portland Synergent, Westbrook Volunteers of American, Brunswick USA Webhost, Inc., Kennebunk Cianbro, Statewide CNA Consortium Alternative Nursing, Portland

Oxford County Telephone, Oxford

Goodall Hospital, Sanford

Health South Home Care, Portland Maine Medical Center, Portland N.E. Rehab. Hospital, Portland

Community Correctional Alternatives, Fairfield Community Living Options, Saco Cooper Weymouth Peterson, Clinton CORE, Inc., Portland Cousineau Wood Products, North Anson Creative Mold Co., Auburn

Critical Care Consortium Cary Medical Center, Caribou Northern Maine Medical Center, Fort Kent The Aroostook Medical Center, Presque Isle Crowe Rope, Winslow cyberTours Inc., Kennebunk

Custom Composites, Bath Dingley Press, Lisbon Dumont Group, Monmouth Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor 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 Fisher Engineering, Rockland

Forum Financial, Portland Freshway Mars Hill Gates Fibre Products, Auburn

General Electric, Bangor GenPlex, Hartland Goodwill Industries, Portland

Great Nothern Paper, Millinocket Harris Baking Co., Waterville Howard P. Fairfield, Skowhegan

Hussey Seating, No. Berwick ICT, Oxford/Wilton/Pittsfield Idexx, Westbrook

Interim Health Care, So. Portland Irving Tanning Co., Hartland Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor Johnna Bowen & Assoc., Benton

Kennebec Valley Mental Health Services, Waterville Keiser Building Systems, South Paris

Key Collection Services Fairfield Lee Auto Mall, Westbrook Lemforder Corp., Brewer Liberty Mutual, Lewiston Log On 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 Internet Works, Waterville Maine Machine Products, South Paris Maine Metals Consortium (YCCC)

Prescott Metals, Biddeford General Dynamics, Saco Maine Poly, Greene Main Resources, South Portland Maine Woods Company, Portage McCain Foods USA, Inc., Easton Medaphis Physician Services, Lewiston Metals Consortium (KVCC)

Cives Steel Company, Augusta Dirigo Machines, Inc., Weeks Mills Howard P. Fairfield, Skowhegan 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

Mid-Maine Transcription, Dover-Foxcroft Moose River Lumber, Jackman Morgan Lumber Inc., Bingham Moss, Inc., Rockport

Motivational Services, Inc., Augusta

J.D. Scott, Caribou

Osram Sylvania, Bangor

Maine Packers Transport, Caribou

R.F. Chamberland, St. Agatha

Oakes & Parkhurst Glass, Winslow

Olamon Industries, Old Town

One Beacon Insurance, Auburn

M.W. Sewall, Bath National Semiconductor, So. Portland Naturally Potatoes, Mars Hill Nautel of Maine, Bangor

New Balance, Norway New England Tool & Cutter, Fryeburg NEWFAB, Auburn

Nexfor/Levesque Lumber, Ashland North Coast Internet, Lubec Northeast Mobil Health Services, Brunswick

Northeast Paper Services, Portland Northern Mattress, Fairfield

Northern Maine Medical Center, Fort Kent Northern Maine Trucking Consortiur Albert Farms, Madawaska

Oxford Aviation, Oxford Patterson Sign Group, Limestone Pleasant River Lumber, Dover-Foxcroft Perrier Group, Hollis Posies, Inc., Belfast Pratt & Whitney, No. Berwick Prescott Metal, Biddeford

Rapid Prototype CAD Consortium Accidental Anomalities, Turner

Aetna Portland Auburn Machinery, Auburn Great Northern Docks, Naples

Molds Plus, Lewiston

Printlife.com, Saco Masters Machine Company, Round Pond

Independence Association, Brunswick Residential Resources, Scarborough Support Solutions, Lewiston Somatey Inc. Pittsfield Specialty Minerals, Madison Spencer Press, Wells Spurwink School, Statewide Stone & Webster, Auburn

Surgical Tech Consortiums—EMCC Down East Community Hospital, Machias Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor Maine Coast Memorial Hospital Mount Desert Memorial Hospital, Bar Harbor

Millinocket Regional Hospital, Millinocket Penobscot Valley Hospital, Lincoln Surgical Tech Consortium—NMCC

Cary Medical Center, Caribou Northern Maine Medical Center, Fort Kent The Aroostook Medical Center, Presque Isle Sweetser, Saco

TDC/Loring Job Corp., Limestone TechKnowledge, Inc., Augusta The Progress Center, Inc., Norway

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 WahlcoMetroflex, Lewiston Waterford Homes, Waterford

Washington County Psychotherapist Associates, Calais Watts Fluid Air, Kittery Willow Rehab & Living Ctr., Waterville

Wright Express, South Portland Yale Cordage, Inc., Biddeford York County Dental Association, Wells

M P & G Machine, Lewiston Poliquin Machinery Inc., Auburn Pineland Lumber, Lewiston Titan Machinery, Windham Wordwide Language Resources, Rumford Rich Tool & Die, Scarborough Remstar, Portland Richardson Hollow Assoc., Augusta Seligman Data Corp., South Portland

Sitel, Limestone

Smith & Wesson, Houlton

Social Services Consortium

Elmhurst, Inc., Bath

Community Partners, Biddeford