

FINDING

# Resources in Maine

*This is an abbreviated list and does not include all resources in Maine.*

**Center for Workforce Research and Information** | The Center for Workforce Research and Information develops and disseminates state and area labor market information to employers, job seekers, and other users; provides measurements of labor market outcomes to assist local and state officials, employers, educators, trainers, and the public in making decisions that promote economic opportunity and efficient use of state labor resources; and supports the Department of Labor with management and actuarial analyses for program planning and delivery. [WWW.MAINE.GOV/LABOR/CWRI](http://WWW.MAINE.GOV/LABOR/CWRI)

**Coastal Enterprises, Inc (CEI)** | CEI helps to grow good jobs, environmentally-sustainable enterprises, and shared prosperity in Maine and in rural regions across the country by integrating financing, business and industry expertise, and policy solutions. CEI envisions a world in which communities are economically and environmentally healthy, enabling all people, especially those with low incomes, to reach their full potential. [WWW.CTI-MAINE.COM](http://WWW.CTI-MAINE.COM)

**Dream It. Do It.** | Dream It. Do It. Maine is a student and educator focused program run by the Manufacturers Association of Maine to expose young people and educators to the many career opportunities in manufacturing with facility tours and outreach. Started at the Manufacturing Institute (under the National Association of Manufacturers) in 2005, Maine has seen an increase in student and educator participation from 7 sites and 250 participants to over 45 sites and more than 3000 participants in 2017. Also administered at the association is the Robotics Institute of Maine, a program established to set up robotics teams in middle and high schools to design, build and compete in robotics competitions worldwide. [WWW.MAINEMFG.COM](http://WWW.MAINEMFG.COM)

**Eastern Maine Development Corporation** | The private sector needs community services, support, an educated workforce and a superior business climate in order to grow and prosper. Communities need the jobs and tax base that can only be provided through a healthy business sector. Both need a vehicle to help forge new partnerships and provide skilled professionals with the ability to creatively package public and private resources for mutual advantage. You'll find this unique combination at Eastern Maine Development Corporation. For entrepreneurs, corporate leaders and community officials, EMDC is the right place to start — for creating a business, growing a company, building community assets, and for making a difference. [WWW.EMDC.ORG](http://WWW.EMDC.ORG)

**Educate Maine** | Educate Maine champions college and career readiness and strives to increase the educational attainment of the Maine workforce. All students should graduate high school prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and in the workplace, and the number of Maine people with a college degree, a postsecondary certificate, or a professional credential must increase to meet the demands of the economy. [WWW.EDUCATEMAINE.ORG](http://WWW.EDUCATEMAINE.ORG)

**Finance Authority of Maine (FAME)** | FAME was established as Maine's business finance agency in 1983 and charged with supporting the start-up, expansion and growth plans of Maine's business community. The agency began working closely with Maine's lending community to improve access to capital as well as to help fill gaps that exist in the State's capital delivery system. To meet the financing needs of Maine's business community, FAME offers a wide array of business assistance programs, ranging from traditional loan insurance programs for both small and larger businesses, to investment tax credits. FAME has also established taxable and tax-exempt bond financing programs that allow strong, creditworthy firms in Maine to access capital at favorable rates and terms. [WWW.FAMEMAINE.COM](http://WWW.FAMEMAINE.COM)

**FocusMaine** | Using a fact-based, disciplined approach to industry development, FocusMaine acts as a catalyst for the accelerated and sustainable growth and business confidence that energize Maine's economy. [WWW.FOCUSMAINE.ORG](http://WWW.FOCUSMAINE.ORG)

**Live and Work in Maine** | Live and Work in Maine is a private-sector initiative designed to increase awareness about the great career opportunities that exist in Maine, and promote the world-class quality of life Mainers enjoy. Their mission is to show the world that in Maine, you can have it all when it comes to quality of life AND quality of career. [WWW.LIVEANDWORKINMAINE.COM](http://WWW.LIVEANDWORKINMAINE.COM)

**Maine & Company** | Maine & Company provides free and confidential consulting services to businesses looking to relocate to Maine or expand within Maine. [WWW.MAINECO.ORG](http://WWW.MAINECO.ORG)

**Maine Career Centers** | Maine Career Centers provide a variety of employment and training services at no charge for Maine workers and businesses. Whether you are looking to improve your job qualifications, explore a different profession, find a new career or hire an employee, the CareerCenter can help. [WWW.MAINECAREERCENTER.GOV](http://WWW.MAINECAREERCENTER.GOV)

## Finding Resources in Maine (cont.)

**Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD)** | At DECD, we are more than two dozen experts whose broad mission is to help communities and businesses prosper through a variety of programs providing everything from targeted tax relief to community block grants to tourism marketing. Whether your business wants to make a film here, bring a Maine-made product to market, expand an aquaculture project, or explore financing when moving a business to our state, our experienced staff can help. [WWW.MAINE.GOV/DECD](http://WWW.MAINE.GOV/DECD)

**Maine Department of Labor** | The Maine Department of Labor is committed to serving Maine workers and businesses by helping employers recruit and train a talented workforce, providing workers with the skills they need to be competitive in the economy, assisting individuals when jobs are lost, ensuring safe and fair workplaces for people on the job, and researching and analyzing employment data to support job growth. [WWW.MAINE.GOV/LABOR](http://WWW.MAINE.GOV/LABOR)

**Maine Development Foundation** | The Maine Development Foundation (MDF) is a private, non-partisan membership organization that drives sustainable, long-term economic growth for the State of Maine. MDF's strategic focus is a productive workforce. They believe that a productive worker is one that is educated, healthy, innovative, and engaged in their community and the economy. [WWW.MDF.ORG](http://WWW.MDF.ORG)

**Maine International Trade Center** | Maine International Trade Center (MITC) helps Maine businesses enter and expand global markets for their products and services. MITC offers one-on-one consulting and research, affordable group trade show participation, connections around the world, export reimbursement funds for small businesses, and more. Leveraging overseas synergy, MITC also works to increase international student attraction and foreign investment. A public-private partnership, MITC is funded through Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), corporate contributions, and membership dues of nearly 300 businesses and organizations. [WWW.MITC.COM](http://WWW.MITC.COM)

**Maine Small Business Development Centers (Maine SBDC)** | Since 1977, the Maine SBDC has been recognized as a leader in the small business economic and development arenas. The SBDC concept is a simple but effective one: assist entrepreneurs and small businesses through no-cost confidential business advising and training. The Maine SBDC program helps build and strengthen small businesses through business advising, training and educational resources. Certified business advisors provide guidance on topics such as business feasibility, business plan development, capital acquisition, financial management, marketing and sales, e-commerce, customer service, personnel management, small business strategic planning and more. [WWW.MAINESBDC.ORG](http://WWW.MAINESBDC.ORG)

**Maine Technology Institute** | MTI is a lead player in the State of Maine's strategy to build an Innovation Economy. MTI works with entrepreneurs, innovators, established businesses and institutions conducting research and development to FUND, CONNECT and GROW them to resources that will help them commercialize their technologies. Their programs help innovators accelerate progress to the market, leverage additional private and public investment, and ultimately, expand their economic impact in Maine. [WWW.MAINETECHNOLOGY.ORG](http://WWW.MAINETECHNOLOGY.ORG)

**Opportunity Maine** | The Opportunity Maine Tax Credit reimburses student loan payments for college graduates who live and work in Maine. [WWW.OPPORTUNITYMAINE.ORG](http://WWW.OPPORTUNITYMAINE.ORG)

**Pine Tree Development Zones** | The Pine Tree Development Zones (PTDZ) program offers eligible businesses the chance to greatly reduce or virtually eliminate state taxes for up to ten years when they create new, quality jobs in certain business sectors or move existing jobs in those sectors to Maine. [WWW.MAINE.GOV/DECD/START-GROW/PINE-TREE](http://WWW.MAINE.GOV/DECD/START-GROW/PINE-TREE)

**SCORE** | SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. They have been doing this for over fifty years. Because their work is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and have a network of 10,000 volunteers, they are able to deliver services at no charge or at very low cost. [WWW.SCORE.ORG](http://WWW.SCORE.ORG)

**The Institute for Family-Owned Business** | The Institute for Family-Owned Business is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization committed to supporting, strengthening and empowering family-owned businesses throughout the state of Maine. The Institute serves family business owners, executives and employees through a wide range of continuing education programs, networking opportunities and consulting services. The Institute is a comprehensive resource for family-owned business. [WWW.FAMBUSINESS.ORG](http://WWW.FAMBUSINESS.ORG)