

A collaborative network advancing economic growth and opportunities.





#### **Business Resource Center**

 Offer comprehensive one stop business assistance through assessment, planning and a team approach.



#### **Business Resource Center**

- One-on-One counseling:
  - ·Bank Ready clients.
  - Referrals tailored to immediate needs and long term goals.



#### **Business Resource Center**

- Access to Capital- Partner with Banks/Regional Development Organizations/EMDC Lending.
- State Tax Incentive Specialists.



#### **Business Resource Center**

·Workshops and Training.



#### **Business Resource Center**

 Workforce programs and hiring incentives.



#### **Business Resource Center**

- •Continued support, updated information and referrals.
- •Tool Kit.
- •BIC Packet



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## **Toolkit**

Bangor Area Comprehensive Transportation System
 Organization designated to carrying out transportation planning

Business Answers

Common business questions are answered for you.

Career Center

Learn about training programs and employment opportunities

• Community Development Block Grant

Grants to help communities and businesses foster jobs and improved quality of life

• Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Projects included in this report may apply for additional federal funding

• Chamber of Commerce

Discover the benefits of joining a local chamber of commerce

Community Planning

Municipal planning and technical assistance for our region

• <u>Disadvantaged Business Enterprise</u>

Assisting transportation industry contractors and consultants

EDA Community Trade Adjustment

Federal grant source to help projects listed in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Efficiency Maine

Find ways your business can be more energy efficient

Employment Tax Incentive Financing

Tax benefit for employers hiring new workers

Greater Bangor Convention Visitor's Bureau

Office that promotes tourism and regional events for Greater Bangor

Governor's Training Initiative

Financial benefit for employers who hire new workers

• Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act

Federal tax incentive program for employers who hire new workers

Lending

Find out how EMDC can help fund your start-up or existing business

Maine Manufacturing Extension Program

A service to help manufacturing businesses in Maine

• Maine Patent Program

A program to help patent your new invention or process

• Maine Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Gain knowledge and access to government contracting

Maine's Apprenticeship Program

Financial benefit to employers who have workers going to school

Maine International Trade Center

Learn how to market your business outside of the United States

Maine Products Marketing Program

Marketing assistance for Maine businesses

• Maine Rural Development Authority

State program that lends money to help communities purchase commercial facilities

• OJT - On the Job Training:

This program can help to pay for a new employee for up to 6 months while they become integrated into your business. Please click on the link to find out more about this program and how it can benefit your business.

• Maine Technology Institute

Funding source for research and development initiatives

• Pine Tree Development Zone

Financial benefit for businesses that create jobs

• Rural Transportation Systems Planning

EMDC offers professional planning service for rural areas of Penobscot and Piscataquis

Safety Works

Find ways that your business can become OSHA certified

• Small Enterprise Growth Fund

Venture capital fund for businesses to help them grow

Tax Increment Financing

Municipal tax benefit for certain real estate that a business owns

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board

Group working with both employers and employees in Penobscot, Piscataquis and Hancock counties

• WOTC: Work Opportunity Tax Credit:

Did you know that if you hire a new employee that is a part of these categories, you might be eligible for a tax credit? Click here to find out more about this program and how you can benefit from it.

# **Business Loans**

#### Loans and solutions for a variety of business types

EMDC has several secondary loan funds to finance a wide variety of business needs, including working capital, equipment and real estate. You will find our terms flexible and rates at or below market interest rates.

- Up to \$1,500,000
- Up to 50% of project costs
- Fixed interest rates available
- Up to 20 year term

Below is a list of our lending programs. We encourage you to contact us to discuss your business. You need not know in advance which programs may apply to you.

Small Business Administration 504 Loan Program
Rural Development Intermediary Relending Program
Finance Authority of Maine Regional Economic Development Loan Program
Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund

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