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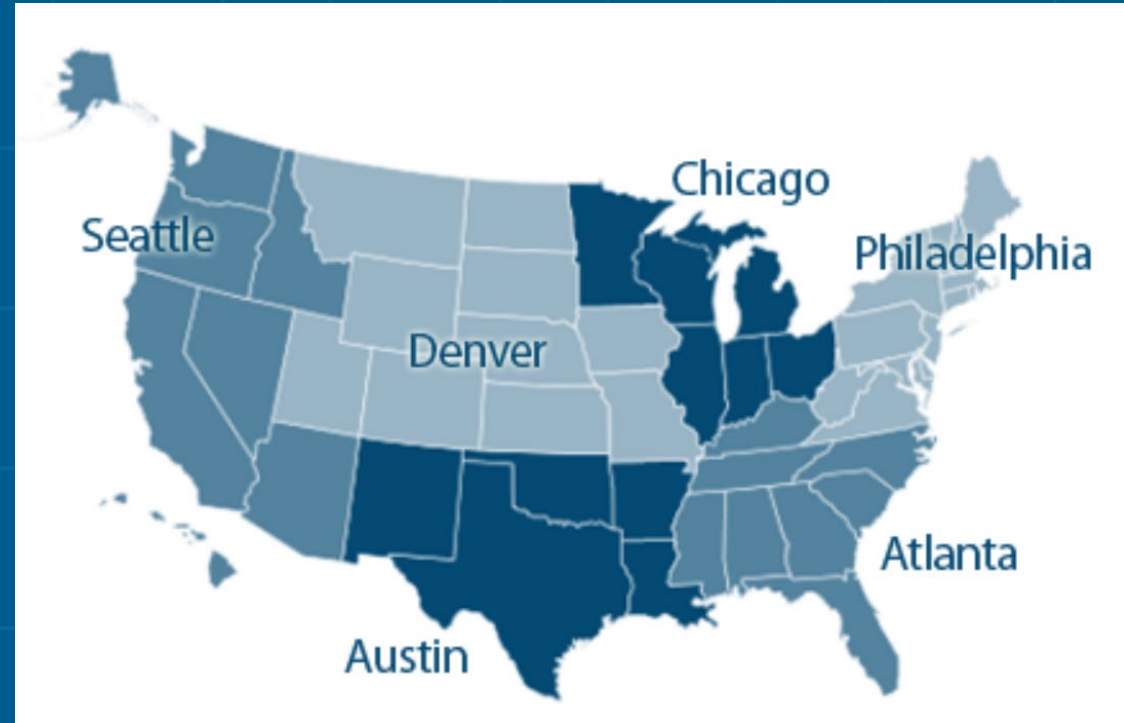
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# EDA Regions

## Philadelphia

CT, DE, DC, ME, MD,  
MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA,  
RI, VT, VA, WV, PR, VI



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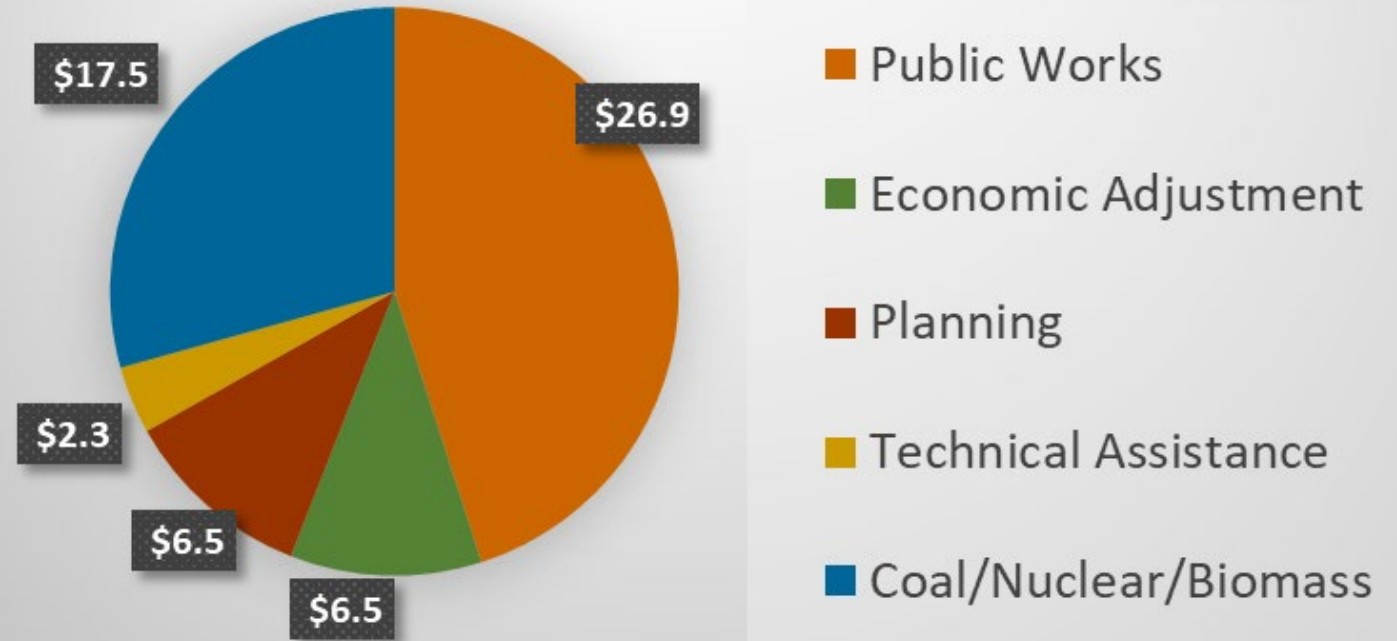
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# Regional Funding

## Philadelphia Region

- FY23 – \$59.7m to be split among 16 states and territories
- 1/3 urban -- 2/3 rural
- CARES/ARPA funds are exhausted
- **FY 23 Disaster Supplemental for 2021-2022 (\$103m) events is in addition to this.\***

FY23 EDA Funding Philadelphia Region  
(millions of dollars)



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# EDA Regional Office Programs *(currently accepting applications)*

Public Works	Construction projects such as roads/utilities, multi-tenant manufacturing buildings, industrial parks, brownfield redevelopment, port and harbor infrastructure, broadband, equipment. Typically includes design and engineering. NOTE: Opportunity Zones no longer included in Special Need.	FY 23 PWEAA NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity)
Economic Adjustment	Non-construction projects such as workforce training and revolving loan funds. Construction projects for special needs (disaster, factory closure, etc.). Set aside for Coal, Nuclear, Biomass Closure Communities.	
Planning Partnership	Annual assistance for designated Economic Development Districts (EDD) and tribal government for development of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDDS).	FY 21-23 Planning and LTA NOFO
Local Technical Assistance	Feasibility and market studies. Utility demand analyses. Incubator studies.	
Disaster (Supplemental)	Long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued.	FY 23 Disaster Supp. NOFO



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More programs to come!

# Program Eligibility

# Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance



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# Applicant Eligibility



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

Eligible recipients must be a state, a political subdivision of a state, district organization, Indian tribe, institution of higher education, or a non-profit acting in coordination with a political subdivision of a state.

Ineligible: EDA does not award grants to private companies or individuals.

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# Regional Eligibility



Regions are self-defined.  
(County, municipality, census tract, labor market area, river valley, etc.)

## **COST SHARING**

Cost sharing or matching is required; generally, the amount of the EDA investment may not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total cost of the project.

## **WHAT CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET TO APPLY?**

Certain economic distress criteria must be met (for Public Works or Economic Adjustment investments):

- an unemployment rate that is, for the most recent twenty-four (24) month period for which data are available, at least one (1) percentage point greater than the national average unemployment rate; or
- per capita income that is, for the most recent period for which data are available, eighty (80) percent or less of the national average per capita income; or
- a “special need” (certain unemployment or economic adjustment issues, such as a presidentially-declared disaster, as determined by EDA).

Proposals must be based on a locally developed Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) or equivalent document (for Public Works or Economic Adjustment Assistance investments).

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# Project Eligibility



Ineligible: Housing, casinos, golf courses and retail (some exceptions). EDA does not duplicate investments of other agencies or support relocation of jobs from one region to another.

1. Non-Construction: The investment's scope of work must primarily benefit an eligible region and stakeholders from that eligible area must be directly engaged. Planning, Technical Assistance, and Revolving Loan Funds are all Non-Construction.
2. Construction projects: The project may include design/engineering and must be located in an eligible region.
  - A. Region that meets EDA's economic distress criteria.
  - B. Economic Development District (EDD) that is located in a region that does not meet EDA's economic distress criteria, but that EDA determines the proposed project will be of substantial direct benefit to a geographic area within the EDD that meets EDA's economic distress criteria.
  - C. Geographic area of poverty or high unemployment that meets EDA's economic distress criteria, but which is located in a region that overall does not meet EDA's distress criteria.

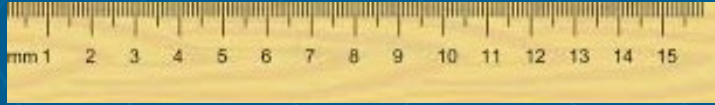
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# Investment Priorities and Metrics



## Economic Impact Metrics:

1. Created jobs
2. Retained jobs
3. Private investment

All projects must advance one or more of EDA's  
Investment Priorities:

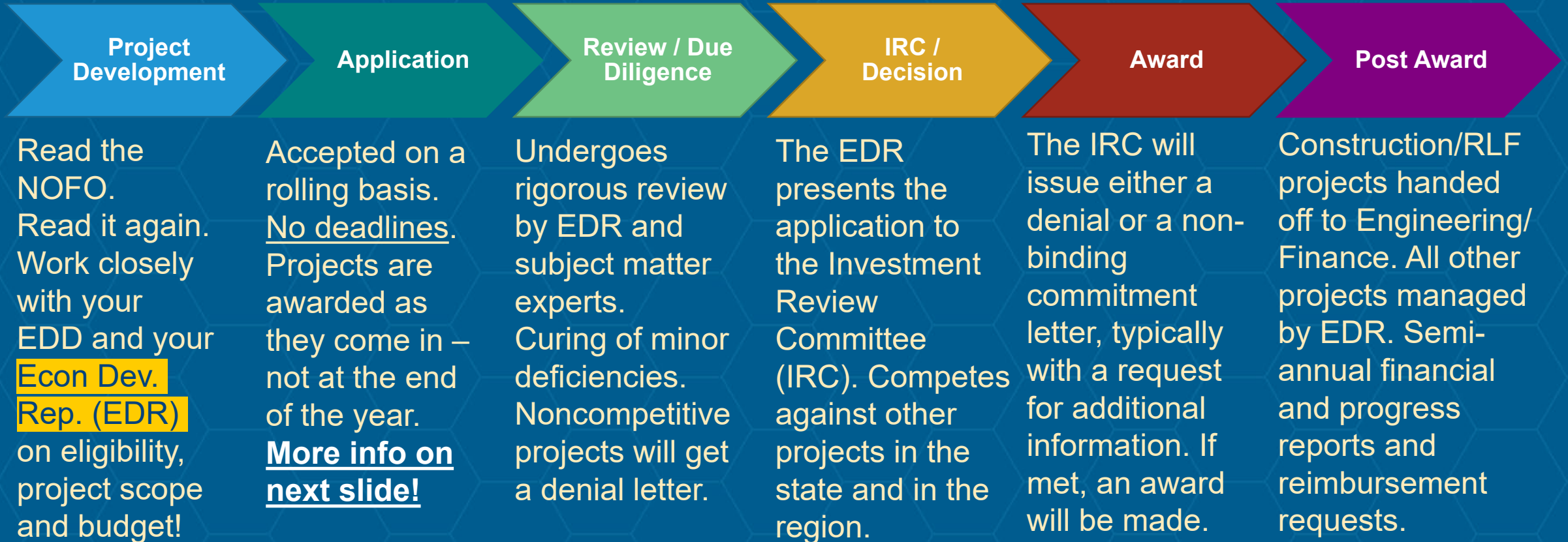
1. Equity
2. Recovery and resilience
3. Workforce development
4. Manufacturing
5. Technology based economic development
6. Environmentally sustainable development
7. Exports and foreign direct investment (FDI)

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# Application and Award Process (Regional Office Programs)

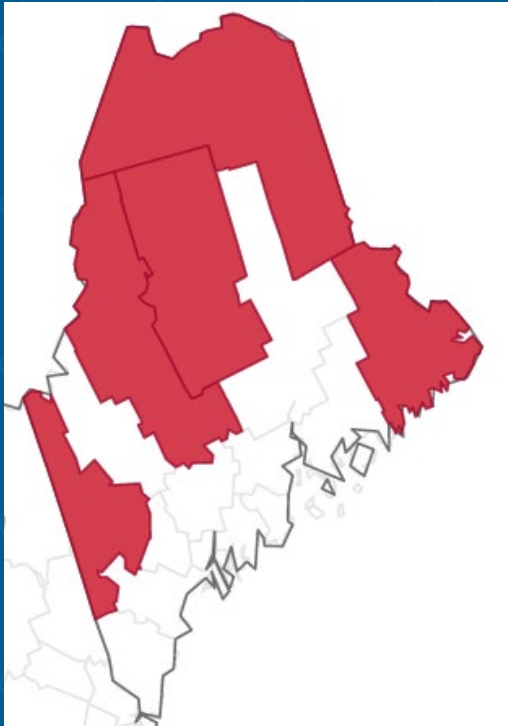


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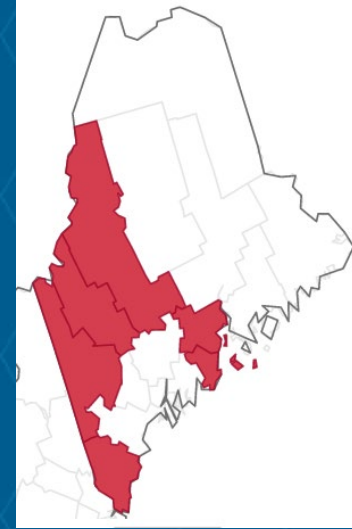
## Eligible Counties ME-NH



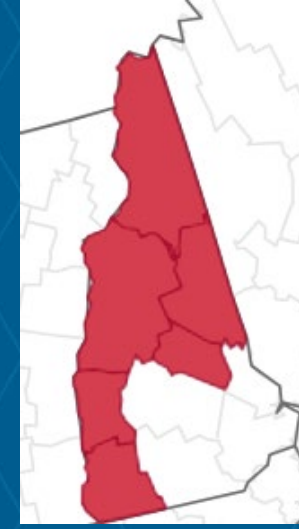
### Per Capita Income

- Washington
- Somerset
- Piscataquis
- Oxford
- Aroostook

NOTE: individual census tracts and other geographies (i.e. a river valley or a labor market) could also be eligible using PCI or unemployment rate.



- Franklin
- Knox
- Oxford
- Somerset
- Waldo
- York



- Belknap
- Carroll
- Cheshire
- Coos
- Grafton
- Sullivan

PCI and unemployment data change over time. Visit

<https://www.statsamerica.org/distress>

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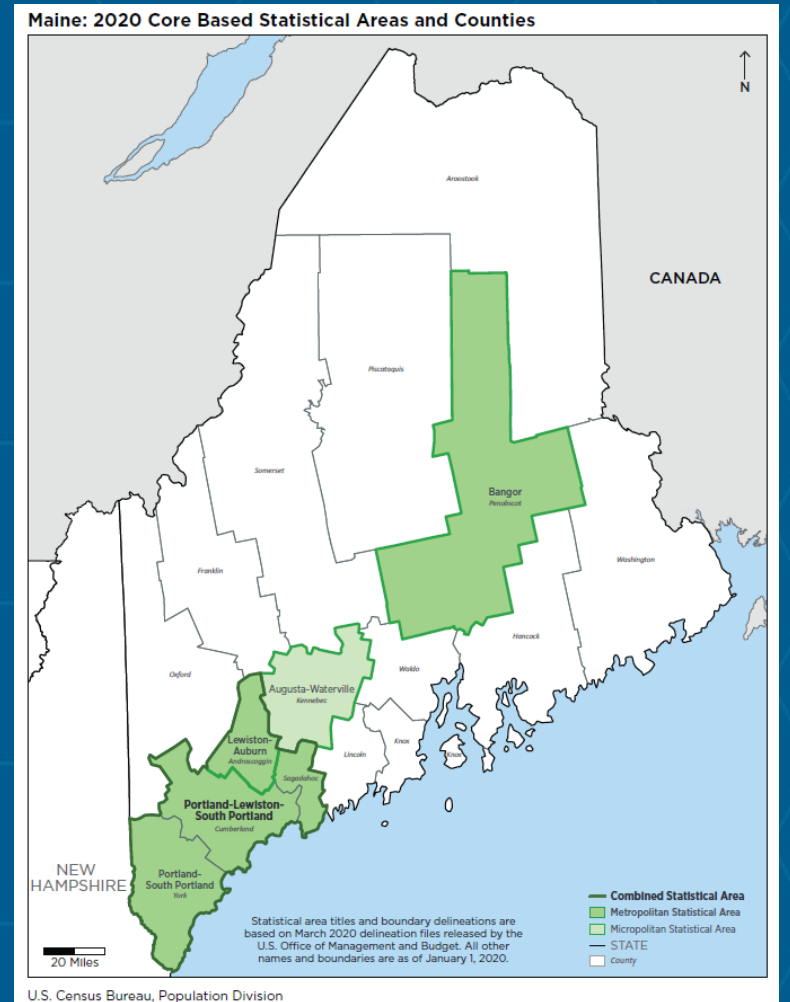
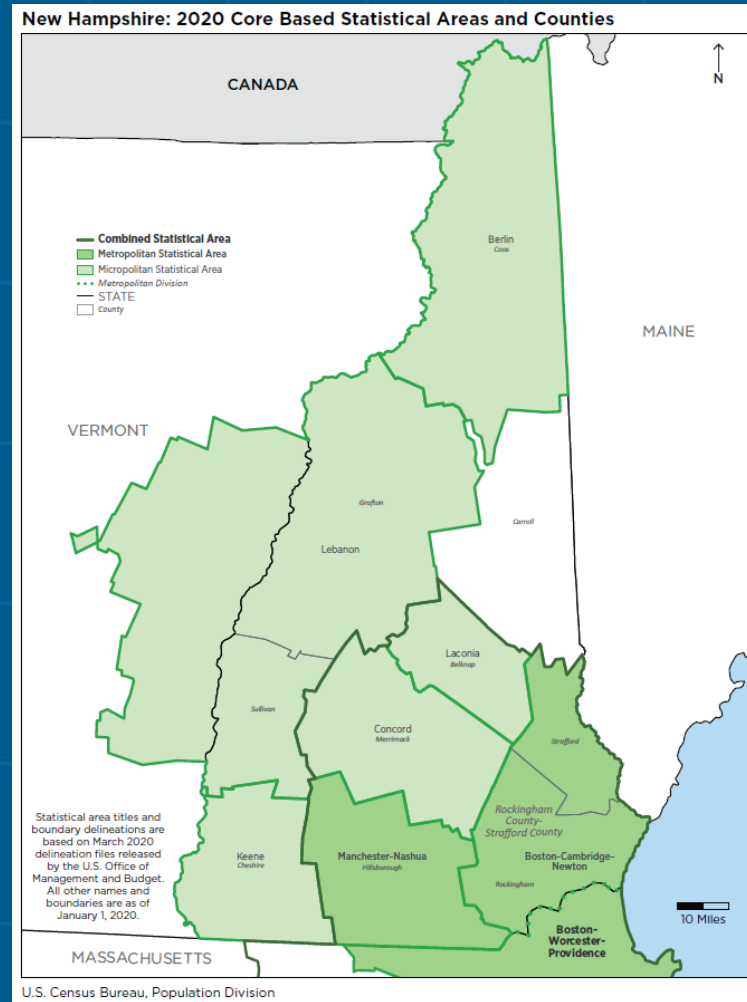
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# EDA Headquarters Programs *(currently or soon accepting applications)*

STEM <i>Deadline: June 12</i>	(Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act) Innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) work-based learning models (such as Registered Apprenticeships) that complement their respective region's innovation economy.	FY 23 STEM Challenge NOFO
Economic Recovery Corps <i>Deadline: June 30</i>	(CARES Act) The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and its partners are seeking to place up to 65 Economic Recovery Corps (ERC) Fellows for 30-month placements to activate economic development projects or plans that generate new practices and paradigms for equitable and inclusive change.	IEDC call for host organizations
Build to Scale <i>Deadline: July 28</i>	(Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act) Projects that strengthen equitable ecosystems and increase access to capital for innovators, entrepreneurs, and startups by employing regional tech-based economic development (TBED) strategies. Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge. Eligibility based on applicant.	FY 23 B2S NOFO
Tech Hubs Phase 1 <i>Deadline: Aug. 15</i>	(CHIPS Act) EDA will designate at least 20 Tech Hubs across the country and award \$15 million in strategy grants to accelerate the development of future Tech Hubs designed to drive regional capacity to manufacture, commercialize, and deploy critical national security technologies. Applicants must be part of a coalition in a Metropolitan or Micropolitan Statistical Area. <i>(see map)</i>	FY 23 Tech Hubs Phase 1 NOFO
Recompete	(CHIPS Act) Helps communities with high prime-age (25-54) employment gaps through place-based, targeted strategy and implementation investments that tackle the unique challenges these communities face. Must be in an eligible area. <i>(see map)</i>	NOFO forthcoming

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# Tech Hubs Eligible Areas ME-NH



<https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-maps/2020/demo/state-maps.html>

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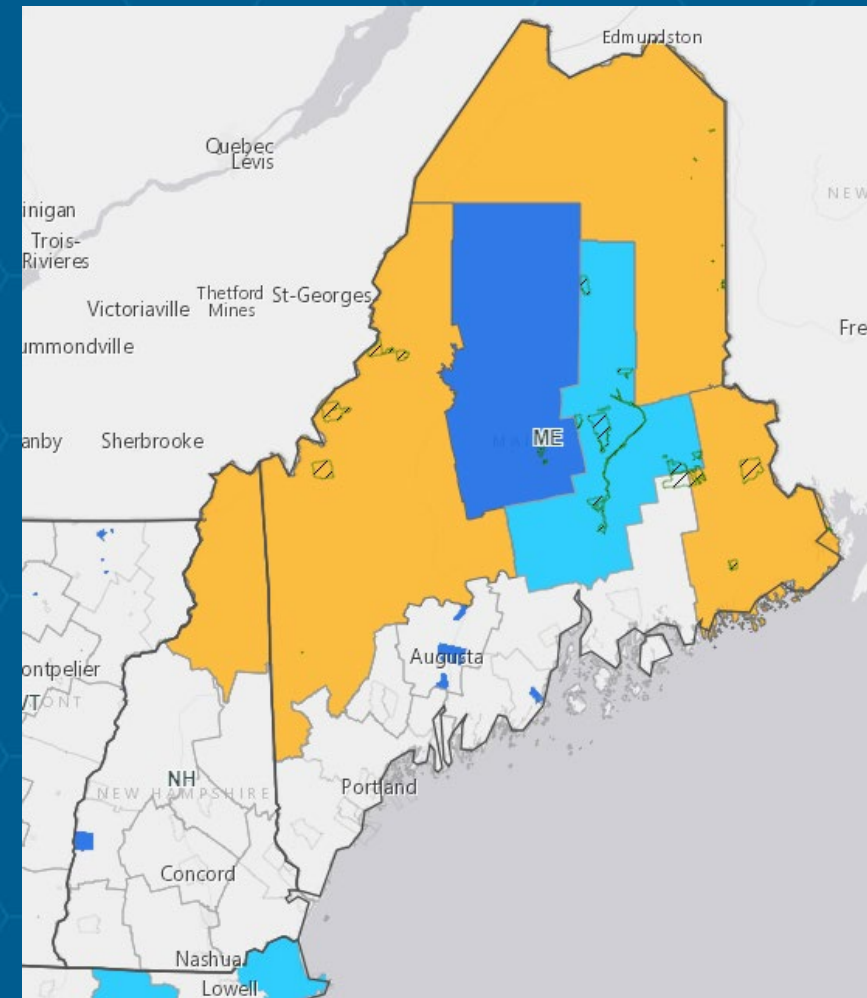
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# Recompete Eligible Areas ME-NH

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- Tribal Areas and Pacific Ocean Territories ...
  -  Eligible
- Local Labor Markets ...
  -  Eligible
  -  Ineligible
- Local Communities (Combined) ...
  -  Eligible
  -  Partially Eligible
  -  Ineligible



<https://disgeoportal.egs.anl.gov/Recompete/>



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# How to Apply for EDA Funding

Applications no longer accepted on [grants.gov](https://grants.gov). However, some of the forms required in the application are downloadable at [grants.gov](https://grants.gov).

As of 4/6/23

New grant management system and application platform “EDGE.”  
<https://sfgrants.eda.gov>  
Salesforce platform for applications and project management.

Grants Online (planning) and OPCS (most other projects) awards will be migrated to EDGE by 2024.

- Step 1. Register for an account.  
Authorized Representative MUST have an account.
- Step 2. Set up application team.
- Step 3. Apply. Populate forms and upload attachments.
- Step 4. Save workspace. Do NOT hit submit until I review it!
- Step 5. SUBMIT starts the formal review process.

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# EDGE Portal

Click "Not a member?" to create a new account

The screenshot displays the EDA Portal website. At the top left is the EDA logo, followed by navigation links for Home, Support, and Resources. A blue 'Log in' button is circled in yellow in the top right corner. The main heading is 'EDA Funding Opportunities', followed by a paragraph explaining EDA's mission. Below this are five funding opportunity cards, each with a 'Learn More' button. A yellow arrow points from the 'Log in' button to a login form in the bottom right corner. The login form includes fields for Username and Password, a 'Log in' button, and links for 'Forgot Username or Password?' and 'Not a member?'. The 'Not a member?' link is also circled in yellow.

**EDA** [Home](#) [Support](#) [Resources](#) [Log in](#)

## EDA Funding Opportunities

At EDA, we understand that some communities need help developing a plan and figuring out where to start their efforts. Others need critical infrastructure that will allow business to locate or expand operations. EDA helps communities at every point along the way – from planning to public works, EDA is here to help! Please find information on our traditional economic development programs here.

**Accepting Applications**

EDA-STEMTALENT-2023

### 2023 STEM Talent Challenge

Funds projects that create and implement innovative science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) work-based learning models that complement their respective region's innovation economy.

[Learn More](#)

**Accepting Applications**

EDA-DISASTER-2023

### FY 2023 Disaster Supplemental

Awards made under this NOFO will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects to address economic challenges in areas affected by a disaster.

[Learn More](#)

**Accepting Applications**

PWEAA2023

### FY 2023 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs

Funds projects that support construction, non-construction, planning, technical assistance, and RLF projects which leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of strategies that advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

[Learn More](#)

**Accepting Applications**

EDA-UC-2023

### FY2023 EDA University Center Economic Development Program

The FY23 UC NOFO covers EDA's Austin and Denver Regional Offices

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**Accepting Applications**

PLTA2021

### Planning and Local Technical Assistance

Funds projects that help fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in distressed areas from making optimal decisions on local economic development

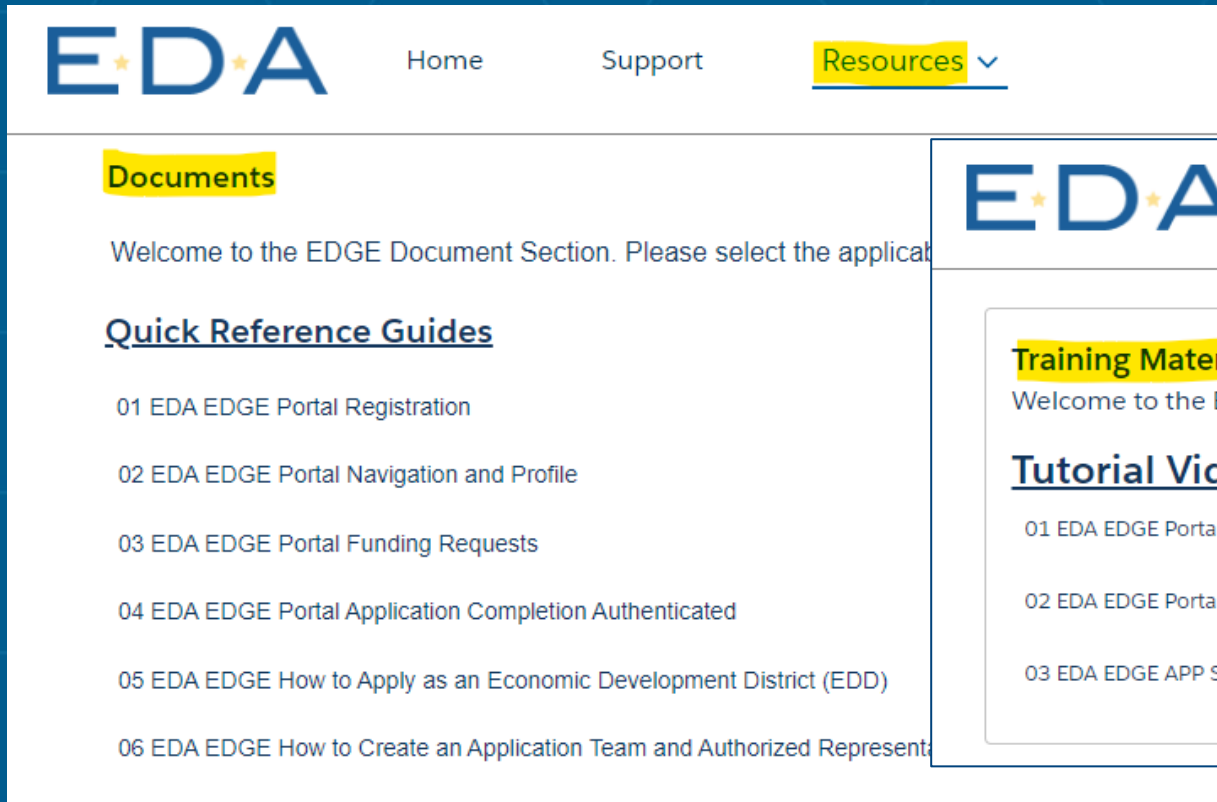
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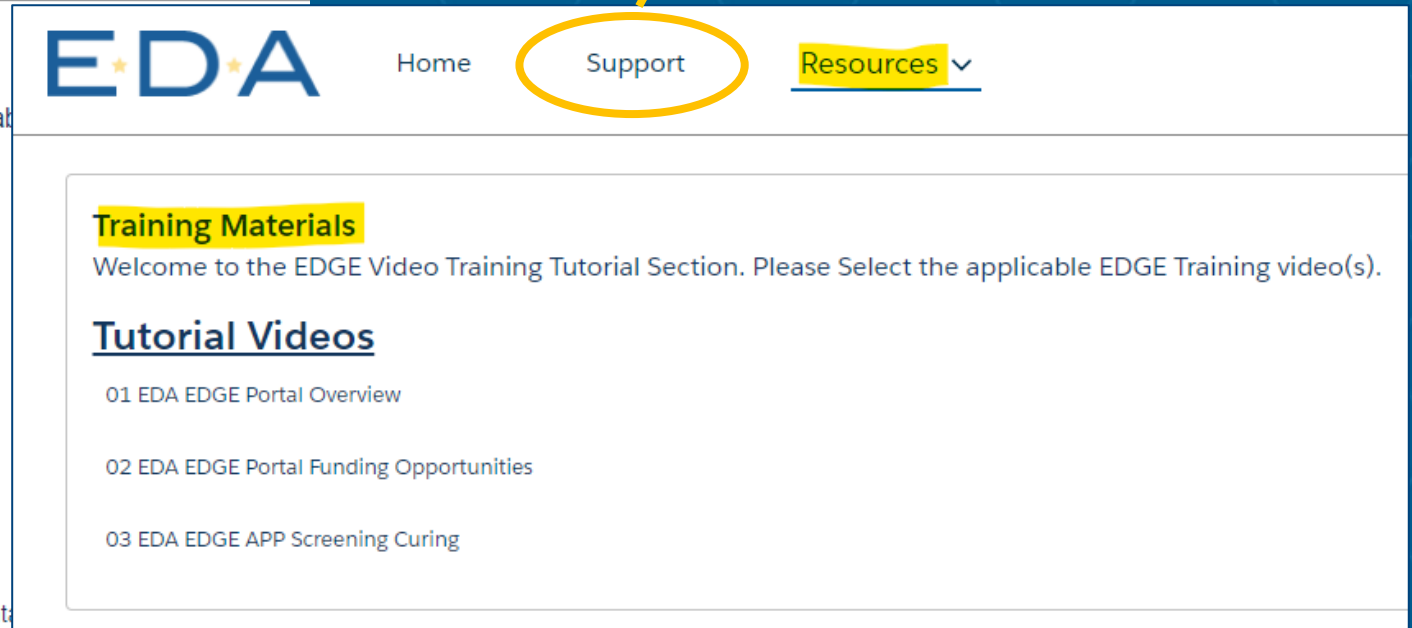
# EDGE Portal

If you are unable to register or log in, please contact the EDGE Help Desk for support at [grantHDsupport@eda.gov](mailto:grantHDsupport@eda.gov)



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the EDA logo, Home, Support, and Resources (highlighted) menus. Below the navigation bar, the 'Documents' section is highlighted in yellow. The text reads: 'Welcome to the EDGE Document Section. Please select the application you are interested in.' Below this is a section titled 'Quick Reference Guides' with a list of six items:

- 01 EDA EDGE Portal Registration
- 02 EDA EDGE Portal Navigation and Profile
- 03 EDA EDGE Portal Funding Requests
- 04 EDA EDGE Portal Application Completion Authenticated
- 05 EDA EDGE How to Apply as an Economic Development District (EDD)
- 06 EDA EDGE How to Create an Application Team and Authorized Representative



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the EDA logo, Home, Support (circled in yellow), and Resources (highlighted) menus. Below the navigation bar, the 'Training Materials' section is highlighted in yellow. The text reads: 'Welcome to the EDGE Video Training Tutorial Section. Please Select the applicable EDGE Training video(s).' Below this is a section titled 'Tutorial Videos' with a list of three items:

- 01 EDA EDGE Portal Overview
- 02 EDA EDGE Portal Funding Opportunities
- 03 EDA EDGE APP Screening Curing

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# EDA PROJECTS

## New Hampshire / Maine

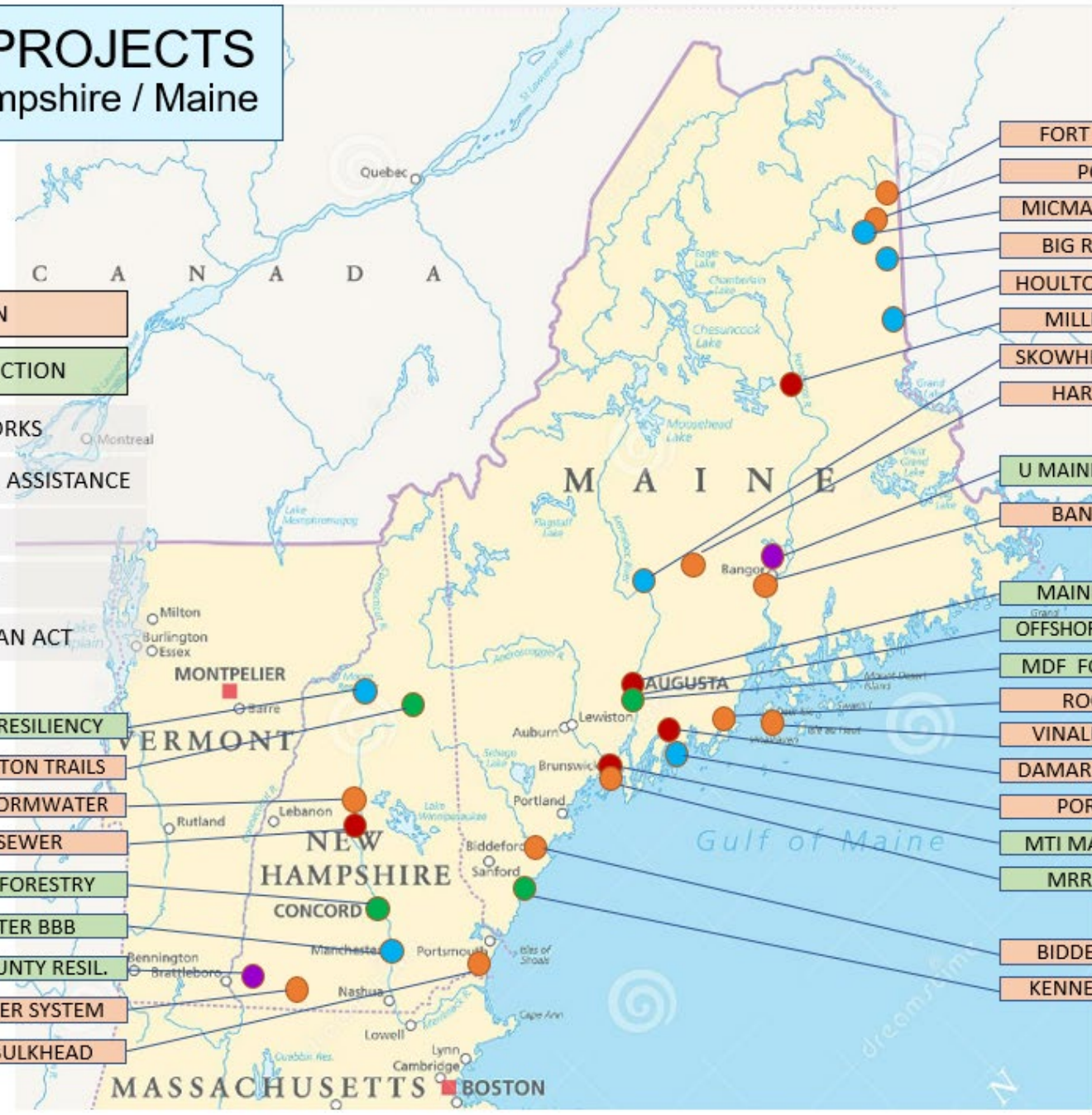
CONSTRUCTION

NON-CONSTRUCTION

- PUBLIC WORKS
- ECON. ADJ. ASSISTANCE
- DISASTER
- CARES ACT
- RESCUE PLAN ACT

- N. COUNTRY RESILIENCY
- MT. WASHINGTON TRAILS
- PLYMOUTH STORMWATER
- BRISTOL SEWER
- US ENDOW. FORESTRY
- MANCHESTER BBB
- CHESHIRE COUNTY RESIL.
- JAFFREY WATER SYSTEM
- SEABROOK BULKHEAD

- FORT FAIRFIELD WTF
- PQI HANGAR
- MICMAC AQUACULTURE
- BIG ROCK CHAIRLIFT
- HOULTON MFG BUILDING
- MILLINOCKET FIBER
- SKOWHEGAN RIVER PARK
- HARTLAND WWTS
- U MAINE HYPOCHLOROUS
- BANGOR HANGAR
- MAINE SPACE GRANT
- OFFSHORE WIND ROADMAP
- MDF FOREST ECONOMY
- ROCKLAND PIER
- VINALHAVEN MAIN ST
- DAMARISCOTTA MAIN ST
- PORT CLYDE PIER
- MTI MARINE ROADMAP
- MRRA HVAC EQUIP
- BIDDEFORD PEARL ST
- KENNEBUNKPORT PIER



# Questions?

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