

LA Maine: Forward

An Economic Growth Strategy for LA Maine

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Appendix B

Below is the current list of partners and collaborators, their acronym used in the Strategy, and general description of their primary role and area of focus.

Partner & Collaborator	Acronym	Primary role and thematic area of focus
Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce	Chamber	Member Services and the promotion of LA Maine as a place to grow business, live, and work through programming, events, and marketing.
Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments	AVCOG	Regional (Androscoggin, Oxford, Franklin Counties) economic development and planning agency. Home to Small Business Development Center (SBDC), business financing, and other programs.
Auburn Business Development Corporation	ABDC	A public-private partnership that develops specific projects that provide quality jobs and expand the tax base of the City of Auburn.
Auburn Lewiston Airport	AL Airport	Jointly owned and operated by the cities of Auburn and Lewiston, the airport supports local and regional general aviation, flight training, cargo and corporate activity on nearly 550 acres in Auburn.
Auburn School Department	ASD	The Auburn School Department serves over 3,500 students with more than 300 certified and support staff in eight community schools.
Bates College	Bates	College of Liberal Arts with additional interests in betterment of community and entrepreneurship.
Central Maine Community College	CMCC	One of the seven colleges in the Maine Community College System, CMCC offers numerous programs of study that lead to the Associate Degree and Certificate award.
Central Maine Medical Family	CMMF	An integrated healthcare delivery system, including Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, serving some 400,000 people living in central, western and mid-coast Maine.
City of Auburn, Economic Development	Auburn ED	Economic Development in Auburn, focused on specific projects and improvements.
City of Lewiston, Economic Development	Lewiston ED	Economic Development in Lewiston, focused on specific projects and improvements.
Coastal Enterprise, Inc.	CEI	A private, non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC) and Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that provides financing, business support and technical counseling services to small and medium sized businesses in Maine.
Commercial Real Estate Agents and Agencies	CRE Agencies	Commercial Real Estate Agencies and Agents are a key collaborator as we seek to develop properties. Individual firms may be referenced by name.
Community Concepts Finance Corporation	CCFC	Works in-depth with start-up, operating and expanding businesses to provide financing for projects that do not qualify for conventional financing.

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Current Magazine	Current Magazine	Publication and events to highlight the culture, people, business community of LA.
Good Food Council of Lewiston Auburn	GFCLA	Formed in 2012 to create and support improvements to the food system of the LA community.
Grow LA	Grow LA	A non-profit dedicated to growing Lewiston and Auburn by promoting development that is economically sound, sustainable, with social responsibility, supporting a healthy community.
Kaplan University	Kaplan	An institution of higher learning dedicated to providing innovative undergraduate, graduate, and continuing professional education.
LA Arts	LA Arts	A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting diverse arts programming, leveraging them to stimulate economic revival and a high quality of life for all.
LA Future Forum	LAFF	A diverse group of LA Maine citizens representing business, government, education, healthcare and the arts and recreation, exploring ideas and solutions to make LA Maine a better place to live, learn, work and play.
LA Maine Business		A key collaborator will be the business community in LA. Individual businesses may be referred to specifically by name in the Strategy.
Lending Institutions	Banks	
Lewiston Auburn Railroad Company	LARC	A railroad holding company jointly owned by the cities of Lewiston and Auburn. Founded in 1872, the company looks to capitalize on intermodal transportation technology to increase economic development opportunities in LA Maine.
Lewiston Development Corporation	LDC	Engages in prudent economic development on behalf of the City of Lewiston and earns returns to be used for community reinvestment.
Lewiston Public Schools	LPS	Lewiston Public Schools serve over 4,900 students with more than 600 certified and support staff in nine community schools.
Maine & Company	ME&CO	A private, non-profit corporation that provides free and confidential consulting services to businesses looking to relocate to Maine or expand within Maine.
Maine Accelerates Growth	MxG	A statewide public-private partnership to fund programs that encourage and foster entrepreneurship. LA Maine is designated as a “hub” of this program.
Maine Career Center	MCC	The Maine Career Center provides a variety of training and employment services at no charge to Maine workers and businesses. The Lewiston Career Center is part of the statewide Career Center network.

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Maine Center for Entrepreneurial Development	MCED	A private, non-profit that helps Maine's most promising entrepreneurs to grow through innovation, by providing programming, mentorship, training and expertise.
Maine Department of Economic and Community Development	DECD	A state agency focused on the creation of new jobs and the promotion of economic opportunities in Maine. DECD is the umbrella organization for business development, community development, tourism & film, innovation, and international trade programming for the State of Maine.
Maine Technology Institute	MTI	An industry-led, publicly-funded, nonprofit corporation that offers early-stage capital and commercialization assistance for the research, development and application of technologies that create new products, processes and services.
Museum LA	Museum LA	Museum of manufacturing history in LA with programming for youth and adults to engage in learning history and culture of making products in LA.
<i>Statewide Organizations</i>		
Tree Street Youth Center	Tree Street YC	Supports the youth of Lewiston-Auburn through academics, the arts and athletics while providing a safe place that encourages healthy physical, social, emotional and academic development.
University of Southern Maine Lewiston Auburn College	USMLAC	A College of the University of Southern Maine, USMLAC was founded by this community a primary focus is delivering the education in demand in LA Maine.
Young Professionals of Lewiston Auburn Area	YPLAA	An affiliate of the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce, YPLAA is an initiative aimed at developing a network of young people to promote and expand on professional and personal opportunities in Maine.