



Mariah Cunningham

Incumbent Worker Training Coordinator

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Mariah Cunningham serves as the Maine MEP Incumbent Worker Training Coordinator for the *Make it in America* grant. The grant, one of 10 federal government awards, was received by Maine MEP and its two partners after a nationwide competition. It aims to promote resurgence in manufacturing by strengthening the ability of regions to attract firms looking to re-shore overseas manufacturing operations or invest in U.S.-based manufacturing.

Maine's award funds the *Midcoast Regional Innovation Initiative*, a three-year program designed to strengthen regional supply chains. The initiative covers eight Maine counties – York, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, Waldo, Androscoggin and Kennebec – and targets four specific industry sectors: aerospace & aviation, renewable energy, biotechnology, and composites & advanced materials.

In collaboration with Coastal Counties Workforce Board, Mariah is responsible for identifying and recruiting manufacturers eligible for incumbent worker training, assisting those companies during the enrollment process and coordinating training providers.

Prior to joining the Maine MEP team, Mariah was a University of Southern Maine program coordinator for the Department of External Programs. She managed the operations of Campus Ventures, a university-based business accelerator program and collaborated on writing and editing more than 15 state and federal grant applications.

A graduate of the Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine, she holds a Master's degree in Public Policy and Management with a concentration in financial management, a graduate certificate in nonprofit management and a graduate certificate in Applied Research and Evaluation Methods. She previously earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maine at Orono.