Steve Levesque Elected to Maine MEP Board of Directors

Augusta, Maine: The Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP) today announced that Steve Levesque, executive director of the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, has been elected to serve on its board of directors. A prominent figure in promoting business development in Maine, Levesque brings to the board more than 32 years of experience in economic and community development, land use planning and business management services.

"Maine MEP welcomes Steve Levesque to our board and looks forward to benefiting from his expertise and knowledge of Maine's business community. His extensive work attracting manufacturers to the former Brunswick Naval Air Station and the outstanding leadership he provided as Maine Commissioner of Economic and Community Development give him a breadth of experience that will be valuable to Maine MEP," said Bruce Pulkkinen, chairman of the Maine MEP board.

Prior to his position overseeing the redevelopment of the former military base, Levesque served as executive director of the Brunswick Local Redevelopment Authority, which developed the successful reuse master plan for Brunswick Naval Air Station (BNAS). This plan included the creation of the Maine Center for Innovation, a high tech business campus that will include the Maine Advanced Technology and Engineering Center and the Brunswick Renewable Energy Center.

Since the base's closure in 2011, the redevelopment effort under Levesque's leadership has made rapid progress in transforming the facility into a hub for civilian employment. More than twenty companies and other new enterprises now occupy facilities at the former base, including a new 80,000SF high-tech manufacturing facility.

Before assuming responsible for overseeing the base's redevelopment, Levesque was president of SHL Enterprise Solutions, a management consulting firm based in Hallowell, Maine, focusing on resource management and development strategies for business and governmental organizations throughout the U.S.

From 1998 through 2003, Levesque served as the commissioner of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. In this cabinet post, he oversaw the business development, community development, tourism, technology commercialization and trade initiatives of the State of Maine.

During his public sector career, Levesque also has served in the capacities of director of business development for the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, director of development for the City of Lewiston, Maine, and as chief planner for the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission. In his private sector career, Levesque has worked for and owned several environmental management and community and economic development consulting firms.

Levesque holds a BA in Political Science and an MS in Environmental Studies (concentration in Urban and Regional Planning) both from California State University, Fullerton. He is also a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps.

About Maine MEP

The Maine MEP is an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The national MEP system is a network of manufacturing extension...
centers that provide business and technical assistance to smaller manufacturers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Through MEP, manufacturers have access to more than 2,000 manufacturing and business “coaches” whose job is to help firms make changes that lead to greater productivity, increased profits and enhanced global competitiveness. For information on the Maine MEP program, please visit www.mainemep.org, or phone 1-800-MEP-4MFG.