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Maine MEP Business Growth Coach Named to Nyle Systems
Board of Directors

Augusta, ME – The Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP) today announced that John Karp, the organization’s Business Growth Coach, has been named to the board of directors of Nyle Systems, LLC. The company, whose production facility is located in Brewer, Maine, has been a lumber industry leader for more than three decades and developed a global reputation for expertise in heat pumps.

Nyle built its first lumber drying kiln in 1978 and subsequently went on to invent and patent revolutionary processes for efficiently drying and dehumidifying lumber. The company’s embrace of technology has led it to incorporate wireless technology in its latest products, so that production in remotely-located kilns can now be monitored, controlled and recorded over the Internet.

Today Nyle serves a wide range of industries and produces technologies for drying lumber, food and other products. Its expertise in drying technologies led the company to develop dehumidification and climate controls for commercial and industrial facilities and has enabled the firm to become a leader in heat pump water heating and industrial energy recovery using heat pumps.

In 2010 the Maine Small Enterprise Growth Fund (www.segfmaine.com), the state of Maine’s nonprofit revolving venture capital fund, selected Nyle Systems for an investment. The SEGF portfolio manager John Burns described Nyle as an experienced company with innovative products in an expanding market. The SEGF’s investment provided the fund with a seat on Nyle Systems’ board. Maine MEP’s Business Growth Coach, John Karp, was recently named by the SEGF as its representative on the Nyle board.

“I am pleased to serve on Nyle Systems board of directors as a representative of the Small Enterprise Growth Fund,” said Karp. “The company has a strong history of market innovation and expansion. I look forward to helping the company continue its growth and hope to provide guidance in manufacturing systems and workforce training.”

In the past six year Karp has provided business growth services to a large number of Maine MEP clients. Last year Karp was awarded his black belt in Innovation Engineering, becoming just the 22nd person in the country to earn this coveted distinction. Black belt certification represents the highest level of professional training in the Innovation Engineering Management System. As one of the leading practitioners in the country, Karp has helped guide many Maine clients through the process of identifying and developing new products.

About Maine MEP

The Maine MEP is a program of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and 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.