Maine MEP Announces Leadership Appointments

Mosher Named MEP President; Robinson Named Center Director; Doiron Hired as Senior Project Manager

Augusta, ME – The Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP) today announced the formal approval by the U.S. Department of Commerce NIST/MEP of its senior leadership team, as well as the recent hiring of a new senior project manager.

“The announcement by the Maine MEP board of directors that its leadership team has been approved by their federal partner is good news for the program and the state’s manufacturers,” said Governor Paul LePage. “Maine MEP, which operates as a federal-state partnership, has helped hundreds of manufacturers across the state improve their profitability and create jobs. This leadership team has the skills and experience to continue delivering services that move Maine’s economy in the right direction,” said Governor LePage.

“The Maine MEP board is pleased to announce the appointment of Muriel Mosher as president and Larry Robinson as center director. Muriel brings more than 14 years of experience working with MEP centers in Maine and other states and has played a leading role in building congressional support for the MEP program, while Larry has nine years of experience working as a Maine MEP project manager and has helped his clients achieve more than $30 million in economic impacts. The combination of skills that both bring to their positions gives Maine MEP a dynamic leadership team,” said Bruce Pulkkinen, Maine MEP Board chair.

Pulkkinen praised the experience of the two senior officers and emphasized that Maine MEP would continue its efforts to build state-wide partnerships and expand the range of services it offers to help strengthen Maine manufacturers.

The board chair also announced that Bob Doiron has joined the organization as a senior project manager. Doiron previously worked for seven years as director of field operations and as a project manager for Maine MEP, before being hired by one of his MEP clients to manage quality and process improvement programs. His return to Maine MEP gives the organization a skilled ISO 9001 auditor and trainer with more than 28 years of manufacturing experience.

The Maine MEP Board Chair applauded the work that the new leadership team has done in strengthening ties with economic development partners around the state and noted the organization’s economic impact over the past 12 months.

“The latest independent survey of Maine MEP clients reported that the organization’s projects helped clients achieve $4.2 million in cost savings, generated increased and retained sales of $23.7 million and were responsible for creating or retaining 272 Maine manufacturing jobs in the past year. Those numbers attest to the hard work of the Maine MEP staff and the effectiveness of the program in helping small and mid-size manufacturers,” Pulkkinen stated.

The announcement of Mosher and Robinson places two experienced managers in charge of the nonprofit organization and its field operations. As president, Mosher assumes overall responsibility for the organization. She will oversee day-to-day operations and continue to serve as the organization’s chief liaison with
the administration, the Maine legislature and the state’s congressional delegation. She brings more than 14 years of experience working with MEP programs around the country, including having previously served as Maine MEP’s vice president for human resources, communications and government affairs. Her extensive ties to the economic development community in Maine include serving as a member of the commissioner’s cabinet of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. She also serves on the board of the Maine International Trade Center and the Maine Space Grant Consortium, on the advisory council of Women, Work and Community, and on the Lewiston Workforce Investment Board Steering Committee.

As center director, Robinson will manage Maine MEP’s field staff and be responsible for the development and delivery of services to manufacturers throughout the state. He brings to the position nine years of experience as a project manager for Maine MEP and two decades of experience working with leading manufacturers. Prior to joining Maine MEP in 2004, Robinson worked as a program manager for the international electronics manufacturer Sanmina-SCI and as a project manager for Hussey Seating. A naval reserve officer and senior intelligence instructor, he was recalled to active duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom when he served as an intelligence officer with the U.S. Central Command. He has served on the Industrial Technology Advisory Board of the University of Southern Maine Department of Technology and on the advanced manufacturing advisory board for the New England Board of Higher Education.

**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 professionals 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](http://www.mainemep.org), or phone 1-800-MEP-4MFG.