James Eaton and Keri Seitz elected to Maine MEP board of directors

AUGUSTA, Me. – James Eaton and Keri S. Seitz have been elected to the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP) board of directors, the business and technical assistance program announced today. Eaton owns Berwick-based Little Harbor Window Company Inc. Seitz, a consultant to the medical technology industry, assists clients in product realization, quality system management and corporate organization.

“The Maine MEP and the businesses it serves will greatly benefit from the entrepreneurial and quality management expertise that Keri Seitz and Jim Eaton bring to our board,” said Muriel Mosher, president of the Maine MEP.

Eaton founded his Little Harbor Window Co. as a sole proprietorship in 1983, only four years after starting Conway Builders in New Hampshire’s Seacoast area. He maintained both companies until 1986, when he moved Little Harbor to Eliot, and subsequently to York and to Berwick. In 1996, York County named him Entrepreneur of the Year. The Small Business Association (SBA) named him Small Business Person of the Year in 2003, and the town of Berwick recognized his window and door manufacturing company as its Business of the Year in 2004. Little Harbor now boasts a 30,000-sq.-ft. facility with 32 employees.

Seitz has extensive experience in quality management systems, specifically compliance and implementation of International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 13485 regulatory requirements for medical devices. (ISO is an independent, non-governmental membership organization and the world’s largest developer of voluntary international standards.) Her expertise extends to global medical device regulation and compliance, and environmental regulatory work. Prior to her consulting practice, Seitz was vice president of customer sales and relations at Biovation, a bio-based and sustainable nonwoven fabrics manufacturer in Boothbay, and president and chief executive officer of FHC Inc., Bowdoin, which designs, manufactures and markets customizable products for neuroscientists and neurosurgeons worldwide. A University of Maine graduate in natural resources, she serves on the boards of the University of Maine Graduate School of Bioscience and Engineering and Bath Area Family YMCA.

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, or phone 207-623-0680.