Dennis Shores elected to Maine MEP board of directors

AUGUSTA, Me. – Dennis Shores has been elected to the Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Maine MEP) board of directors, the business and technical assistance program announced today. Shores is owner and chief financial officer of Xuron Corp. of Saco, a leading manufacturer of ergonomic, electronics-grade hand tools.

“Because all Xuron tools are made right here in Maine, Dennis Shores brings to the board a thorough understanding of Maine’s manufacturing climate. Maine MEP and the businesses it serves will benefit from his knowledge, along with his extensive managerial expertise,” said Muriel Mosher, president of the Maine MEP.

Founded in 1971, Xuron Corp. produces consumer and industrial hand tools for the electronics, aerospace, plastic molding, wire processing, hobby, craft, jewelry and fishing industries, and employs 31 at its Saco facility. More than 100 different Xuron brand tools, including its Original Micro-Shear® Flush Cutter, are distributed worldwide through retailers and a network of industrial distributors. Last year, Xuron Corp. received the Maine MEP’s prestigious Excellence Award in recognition of its commitment to innovation, quality production and continuous workplace improvements. Previously with Hersey Products in Dedham, Mass., Shores has been with Xuron since 1986, when the company established its Saco headquarters.

“Each time over the years that Xuron has worked with Maine MEP, the collaboration has improved our efficiency, workforce development and planning strategies,” said Shores. “As a member of the board, I will be honored to help other Maine manufacturers do the same.”

Maine MEP’s board of directors works with management to determine the program’s vision and mission, engages in strategic planning, approves programs and services, educates legislative and governmental stakeholders and ensures financial and risk management, among other tasks.

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.

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