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MTI to Hold Ten Workshops on \$45 Million Grant Funding Opportunity
Companies & Organizations Encouraged to Attend October 2-11 to Learn More

Brunswick, ME – September 28, 2017. Following voter approval of the research and development (R&D) bond referendum in June 2017, the Maine Technology Institute (MTI) is responsible for soliciting projects from Maine organizations looking to make investments in R&D equipment, infrastructure and technology upgrades to drive innovation in Maine. MTI has instituted a “Lightning Round” this Fall to learn more about what projects are out there in research, development and commercialization that will help them gain and hold market share, increase revenues, and grow or preserve jobs for Maine people, and need some funding to incentivize the leap.

MTI will be holding a series of workshops to let potential applicants know more about the opportunity and for technical assistance providers who might help clients access the funds. For more information about the program see www.mainetechnology.org/MTAF2.

The application portal opens Monday, October 2, and will be open through December 8. The workshops will take place in October. Please see www.mainetechnology.org/get-funded/upcoming-workshops-and-webinars to register.

Public Workshops/Potential Applicants

This workshop is geared to potential applicants to clarify purpose of the Program and help applicants to assess whether they might choose to apply for the Lightning Rounds.

[October 2, 3-4:00 PM Farmington](#)

[October 3, 2-3:00 PM Belfast](#)

[October 3, 10-11:00 AM Portland](#)

[October 5, 1-2:00 PM Portland](#)

October 6, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Caribou – Contact Dana Delano, (207)521-1713 or email at ddelano@nmdc.org

[October 11, 3-4:00 PM Fairfield](#)

Workshops for Service Providers/Business Counselors and others who work with potential applicants

This workshop is geared towards service providers, business counselors and others who assist clients with business planning, expansion and success. We will help train service providers to have a level of comfort with their understanding of the Program to offer technical assistance throughout the application process.

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[October 5, 12-1:00 PM Portland](#)

[October 11, 2-3:00 PM Fairfield](#)

MTI is a publicly financed, private, nonprofit organization created by the Legislature in 1999 to stimulate research and development activity leading to the commercialization of new products, processes and services in the state's seven targeted technology sectors. MTI programs are either loans, equity investments, or grants designed to enhance the competitive position of those sectors and increase the likelihood that one or more of these sectors will support clusters of industrial activity and create quality jobs across Maine.

For information on MTI programs, visit the Maine Technology Institute at www.mainetechnology.org.

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