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Penobscot County Manpower Administration Eligibility to Participate
in Social Security under the State Agreement

I have reviewed the materials you provided relating to the Penobscot County Manpower Administration. The resolution of the Penobscot County Commissioners clearly indicates that the Penobscot County Manpower Administration is a temporary project subject to county jurisdiction. As such, it is clearly not a separate and distinct juristic entity to qualify as a separate "political subdivision" pursuant to 5 M.R.S.A. § 1222-6. Therefore, Penobscot County Manpower Administration employees can only qualify for social security as employees of Penobscot County itself.

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