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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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MAINE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD

WHEREAS, on August 12, 1983, the Maine Development Foundation was invited by Governor Brennan to prepare a Technology Strategy for the State of Maine to stimulate job creation and retention; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation was asked to coordinate its efforts carefully with the Commission on the Status of Education in Maine; and

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of Maine depends on the ability of our businesses and industries to use advanced technology to increase their productivity and improve their competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation's Technology Strategy Task Force produced a Technology Strategy with six broad policy directions and specific implementation recommendations; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to establish a strong and enduring participation among business, government, educational and community leaders to ensure implementation of this Strategy;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, do hereby establish the Maine Science and Technology Board comprised of eminent and knowledgeable individuals to express the State's commitment to stimulate the development and expansion of advanced technology industries in Maine and to assist Maine business in utilizing advanced technologies to improve their competitiveness.

NAME AND MEMBERSHIP: The Board will be known as the Maine Science and Technology Board and will consist of up to 13 members. Members will be appointed by the Governor, and those appointed during calendar year 1984 will serve through June 30, 1985; thereafter, members will serve on a three-year staggered term. Membership will include leadership from government, business and industry, labor and education. The Directors of the State Development and Planning Offices and the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources will participate with the Board as non-voting members.

ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION: The Maine Development Foundation will provide administrative support for the first two years of the Board's operation. The Board will be established as a non-profit, private agency.

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SCOPE OF WORK: The Board will be an advisory body, whose principal functions will be to work with appropriate state agencies, the University and VTI system, and others responsible for implementation of the Technology Strategy's recommendations, to continue examination of the major issues raised by the Task Force, to assure coordination of the State's technology development efforts, and to stimulate development and expansion of advanced technology industries in Maine.

Specific Board responsibilities will be:

To identify needs and develop policies for the implementation of State strategies for industrial innovation and technology development;

To monitor and evaluate the implementation of Maine's technology policies, including their impact on the labor force;

To issue an annual report to the Governor on the status of Maine's science and technology;

To recommend economic policies that would stimulate the development and expansion of advanced technology industries in Maine;

To assure coordination among industry, government, labor, and education;

To facilitate the development of programs of technology innovation;

To provide leadership in research and development;

To improve public understanding of science and technology;

to assist state, local and private agencies and organizations in attracting and retaining advanced technology-based industries; and

To recommend strategies to deal with the broader economic development and human resources issues affecting the implementation of the Technology Strategy


JOSEPH E. BRENNAN
Governor