

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S.P. 504

In Senate, May 21, 1993

**An Act to Establish the Maine Education and Training Export  
Partnership within the Department of Economic and Community  
Development.**

(EMERGENCY)

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Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN  
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator CAHILL of Sagadahoc. (GOVERNOR'S BILL).  
Cosponsored by Senator: LAWRENCE of York, Representatives: MELENDY of Rockland,  
SIMONDS of Cape Elizabeth, SMALL of Bath.

2           **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not  
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted  
as emergencies; and

4           **Whereas,** the Department of Economic and Community  
6 Development has identified resources and potential opportunities  
for companies in this State to promote the development and  
8 dissemination of technologies and knowledge appropriate for  
developing countries; and

10           **Whereas,** these contract opportunities have been estimated by  
12 the World Bank to be in the billions of dollars; and

14           **Whereas,** the State should be supporting companies, nonprofit  
organizations and educational institutions in this State and  
16 helping them to support each other in accessing these contract  
opportunities in developing countries; and

18           **Whereas,** much of the technology and expertise needed in  
20 developing countries resides in the private sector; and

22           **Whereas,** a government-to-government relationship is often  
critical to successful negotiations in the international  
24 marketplace; and

26           **Whereas,** the exchange of the knowledge available in  
companies and organizations in this State could develop market  
28 opportunities for other products, technologies and services in  
this State; and

30           **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts  
32 create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of  
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately  
34 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
safety; now, therefore,

36           **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

38           **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13063-A is enacted to read:**

40           **§13063-A. Maine Education and Training Export Partnership**

42           **1. Establishment.** The Maine Education and Training Export  
44 Partnership, referred to in this section as the "partnership," is  
established within the Department of Economic and Community  
46 Development to engage in charitable, educational and scientific  
activities and, in furtherance of those activities, to stimulate  
48 the development, dissemination and widespread application of  
education, training and technical assistance suitable and

2 adaptable to the social, cultural and economic conditions of  
3 developing countries.

4 The partnership is a state-chartered, nonprofit organization.  
5 The partnership shall carry out its purposes in support of and in  
6 coordination with the private entities operated for profit,  
7 private nonprofit organizations and institutions and public  
8 educational institutions that constitute the international  
9 education, training and technical assistance industry in the  
10 State.

12 **2. Purpose.** The partnership shall assist its member  
13 organizations and encourage participation from all interested  
14 companies, organizations and institutions to:

16 A. Promote the development and dissemination of education,  
17 training and technical assistance programs appropriate for  
18 developing countries; and

20 B. Identify market opportunities and potential contracts in  
21 developing countries that match the technologies and  
22 expertise available in the State and coordinate and submit  
23 appropriate proposal responses.

24 **3. Board of directors.** The Board of Directors of the Maine  
25 Education and Training Export Partnership consists of 7 members  
26 appointed by the Governor. At least 4 of the directors must be  
27 from the private sector. The directors must be appointed from  
28 member organizations or must be involved in a related business  
29 field or possess experience or familiarity with education,  
30 training, technical assistance or international commerce. The  
31 board shall select a chair from its membership.

34 The board of directors shall:

36 A. Establish membership criteria and a dues structure;

38 B. Establish a fee structure associated with participation  
39 in partnership contracts; and

40 C. Establish dues, fees and limited services available to  
41 nonmembers.

44 **4. Adoption of bylaws.** The partnership shall adopt bylaws  
45 consistent with this section for the governance of its affairs.  
46 The partnership shall do all things necessary or convenient to  
47 carry out the lawful purposes of the partnership under this  
48 section.

50 **5. General powers.** The partnership may:

