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## **About the Maine Development Foundation**

Maine Development Foundation supports a high quality of life for all Maine people. As a private non-profit membership organization, we do this by empowering leaders, strengthening communities, and guiding public policy.

Our flagship programs include Leadership Maine, Policy Leaders Academy, Maine Downtown Center, Maine Employers Initiative, and Maine Economic Growth Council (*Measures of Growth*).

Through these programs we stimulate new ideas, develop Maine's leaders, and provide a common ground for solving problems and advancing important issues.

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