

**Review of the Agricultural Creative Economy Sector (ACES) Report**

Wednesday, September 17, 2008  
9:30 AM – 2:30 PM  
Room 206, Cross State Office Building, Augusta

**AGENDA**

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- 9:30 AM**                    **Overview of Task and Background**  
    ✧ *OPLA Staff*
- 10:00 AM**                    **Review ACES Report Recommendations**  
    • Preliminary discussion regarding areas of focus  
    • Work toward prioritizing goals
- 10:30 AM**                    **Food Policy & the Agricultural Creative Economy**  
    ✧ *Cathe Morrill, Chair, Maine Food Policy Council (MFPC)*
- 11:00 AM**                    **Business Visitation Program for Dairy Farmers**  
    ✧ *Marge Kilkelly, Northeast States Assoc. for Agricultural Stewardship*  
    ✧ *Gaetane Johnson, Maine Dept of Labor (DOL)*  
    ✧ *Julie Marie Bickford, Maine Dairy Industry Association (MDIA)*  
    ✧ *John Harker, Dept of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources (DAFRR)*  
    ✧ *Mary McPherson, consultant*  
    ✧ *Jon Olson, Maine Farm Bureau*
- 12:00 NOON**                **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM**                    **Overview of Programs and Services – Maine DOL**  
    ✧ *Ned McCann, Director of Employment Services – Maine DOL*
- Apprenticeship program for agricultural industry**  
    ✧ *Gene Ellis, Director of Apprenticeship - Maine DOL*
- 2:00 PM**                    **Discussion of Next Steps**  
    • Determine areas of focus  
    • Information requests  
    • Work plan for remaining meetings
- 2:30 PM**                    **Adjourn**

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