

**FIRST MEETING OF THE JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
RESEARCH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
& THE INNOVATION ECONOMY**

**September 14, 2006  
Cross Office Building, Room 209**

**AGENDA**

- I. Convening of the Task Force and Introductions: 8:30 -9:00 am**
  - A. Introductions and Overview of the Task Force's duties
  
- II. Panel Discussion on the History of Maine's R&D Efforts Followed by Question & Answer Period: 9:00 to 11:00 am**
  - A. Panelists: Former Senate President Mark Lawrence, Former State Planner Evan Richert, Senator Scott Cowger, and Dr. George L. Jacobson Jr. (Professor of Quaternary Biology of the University of Maine at Orono).
  
- III. Panel Discussion on the Current R&D and Innovation Efforts: 11:00 – 12:00**
  - A. Panelists: Peggy Schaffer (Policy/Program Coordinator for the Office of Innovation at DECD) and Betsy Biemann (President, Maine Technology Institute).
  
- IV. Lunch Break: 12:00- 1:00pm**
  
- V. Discussion on the University of NC Report Assessing Maine's R&D Efforts: 1:00 - 2:00pm**
  - A. Panelists: Peggy Schaffer and Jim Dimicis (PolicyOne Research, Inc.).
  
- VI. Panel Discussion with R&D Related Businesses: 2:00-3:00pm**
  - A. Panelists: Chris Frank of Intelligent Spatial Technologies, William Harris of MariCal; Peter Cowan of SeaBait, LLC.
  
- VII. Committee Work Session: Planning and Scheduling for Future Meetings: 3:00-4:00pm**