Maine released its [10 Year Economic Development Plan](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fdecd%2Fsites%2Fmaine.gov.decd%2Ffiles%2Finline-files%2FDECD_120919_sm.pdf&data=05%7C01%7Cchristopher.quint%40maine.gov%7C9d7621dc7c124911c18f08dba573a28a%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638285688298470326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Ls0MCfSyc%2Bk4F%2BcJBjCFgKgkJvaR4Xh7A4TUOq%2BfoOo%3D&reserved=0) and its [Comprehensive Workforce and Talent Strategy](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.maine.gov%2Fswb%2Fsvmw%2Findex.shtml&data=05%7C01%7Cchristopher.quint%40maine.gov%7C9d7621dc7c124911c18f08dba573a28a%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638285688298470326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=mfnUN8JifXUZDe2v0uq1%2FKdBrIADyxhwPGbPYM3AO7A%3D&reserved=0) in November 2019, which outlined Maine’s economic and workforce strategy for the next 10 years.

Much has taken place since the creation of these two plans, including a global pandemic. As a result, some of the strategies and actions identified have surpassed original predictions in some areas; in other areas, the work outlined in 2019 remains relevant today. Across all areas of work, there is an opportunity to refresh and update with actions that respond to today’s unique challenges and opportunities and contribute to the 10 Year Economic Development’s Plan 3 overarching goals.

As workforce development, talent attraction, and innovation are foundational to both plans, the State Workforce Board (SWB) and Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) are partnering with Local Workforce Boards and Economic Development Districts on an effort to refresh both the 10 Year Economic Development Plan and the Comprehensive Workforce and Talent Strategy.

We are inviting you to a forum of employers, education providers, businesses, workforce and community partners, labor unions, local policymakers, and other key regional stakeholders to share the progress of both plans to date, and to gather your feedback to help inform the tactical work for the next few years.

There are seven opportunities to attend IN-PERSON. ***Please*** [**RSVP here**](https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fforms.office.com%2FPages%2FResponsePage.aspx%3Fid%3Dq6g_QX0gYkubzeoajy-GTluw84hyz7lKghKQg4R5a9ZUMzVaMFI4UzlRTjFRUFhQTFRDREVTMDlIMy4u&data=05%7C01%7Cchristopher.quint%40maine.gov%7C9d7621dc7c124911c18f08dba573a28a%7C413fa8ab207d4b629bcdea1a8f2f864e%7C0%7C0%7C638285688298470326%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=OpSP1NABZZ6GpvPt17syeI20%2FLKHEErPVsnz8d1O4RU%3D&reserved=0) ***for any of the in-person forums listed below.***

* Sept. 21 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Scarborough Town Council Chambers, Scarborough Municipal Building, 259 U.S. Route 1
  + *RSVP by September 15*
* Oct. 3 - 10:00am – Noon, Central Lincoln County YMCA’s multi-generational room, 525 Main St (or Route 1 Business/Bypass), Damariscotta
  + *RSVP by September 25*
* October 4 – 9:00am – Noon, USM L/A Center, 51 Westminster Street, Lewiston (attendees need to enter through the main entrance by the flagpole)
  + *RSVP by September 27*
* October 18 – 9:00am – Noon, KVCOG office, 17 Main Street, Fairfield
  + *RSVP by October 11*
* October 24 – 9:00am – Noon, Northern Maine Community College Edmonds Conference Center, 33 Edgemont Drive, Presque Isle
  + *RSVP by October 20*
* October 24 – 3:30pm – 5:00pm, Cobscook Institute, 10 Commissary Point Road, Lubec
  + *RSVP by October 20*
* October 25 – 9:00am – Noon, Bangor **(meeting location TBA)**
  + *RSVP by October 21*