#### WELCOME TO

## Sector Spotlights

From Trees to Global Tech
Hub: Forest Products in the
Age of Biotechnology

#### Forest Products Lunch & Learn





#### Scott Dionne

## President & CEO at Aroostook Partnership previously, Chief Marketing Officer for TimberHP

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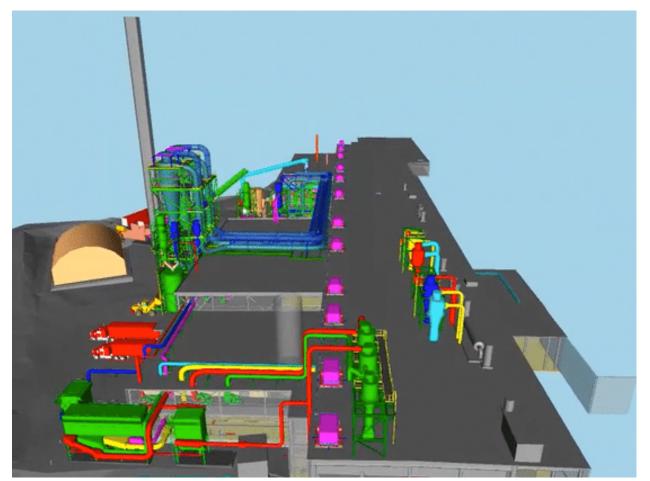




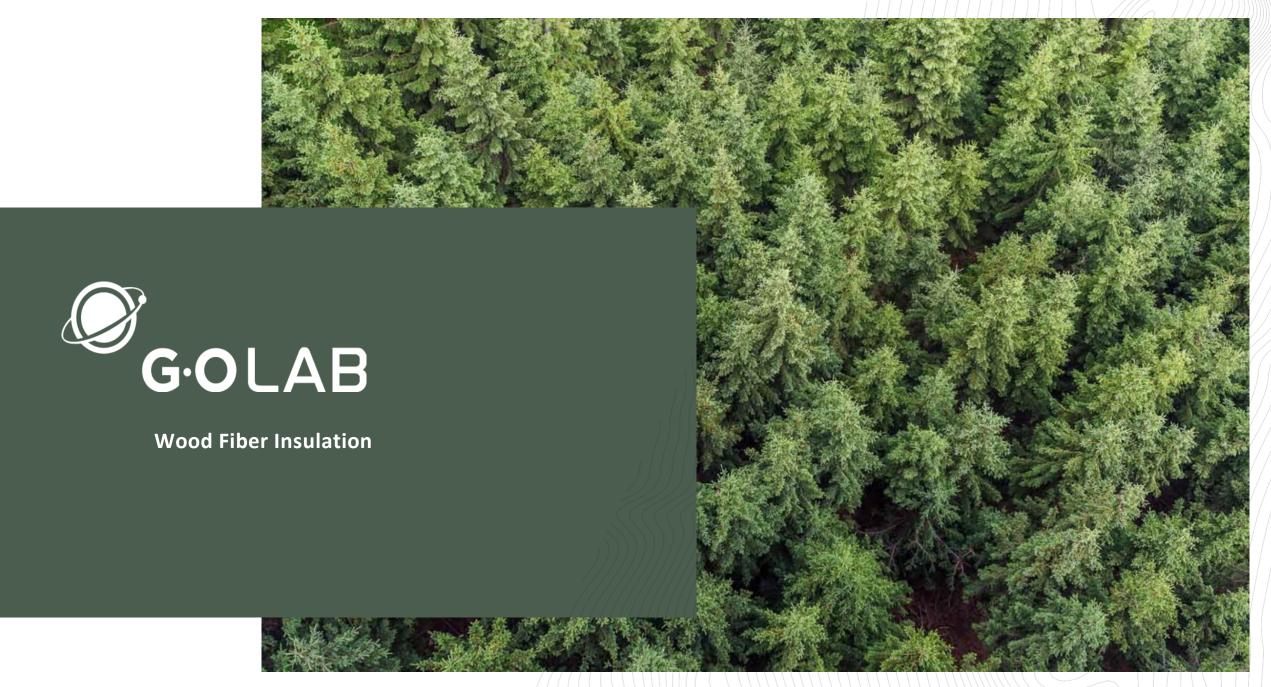
## Largescale Manufacturing Start-Up in Maine



INSULATE BETTER. LIVE BETTER.™







## What do you really want to do?





Joshua Henry CEO & Co-Founder

PhD in Physical Chemistry (Cornell University), NSF International Fellow (2005-2007), faculty member (Bates College and University of Maine), research focus: sustainable materials, renewable energy, thermodynamics



Matthew O'Malia Vice-President & Co-Founder

An award-winning architect with a nationwide reputation for innovation and expertise in design. A leader in the Passive House movement in North America and named to Architect Magazine's Architect 50 List in 2018

## **Problem:** The insulation market is dominated by fossil-fuel dependent products with devastating environmental impacts



#### High Embodied Carbon

Irredeemable Global Warming Potential



#### Vapor closed, traps moisture

Leading to mold and mildew, health risks, and rot



#### Non-recyclable, made with toxins

Loaded with dangerous toxic ingredients



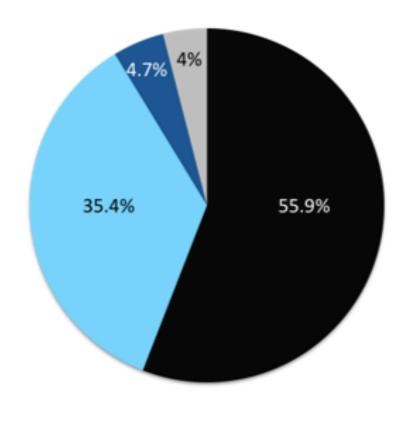
#### Harmful off-gassing

Leading to unhealthy indoor air quality



#### Highly flammable

Fiberglass and foam insulation are fire accelerants



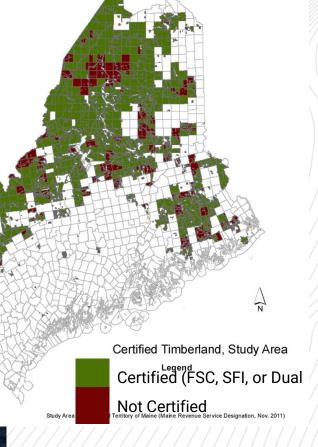


Help solve problems for a Legacy Industry

Since 2014, Maine alone has lost markets for over 4 million tons of low-grade wood that would have otherwise supplied paper and biomass mills

- Mill towns are suffering
- Loggers need that revenue
- We don't want to leave waste in the forests
- Lumber mills need to move chips





#### TIMBER + HP =

High Performance
Healthy Planet
Healthy People



#### Building envelope, thermal, and acoustic solutions

A comprehensive, above-grade product line to create wind-tight, vapor-open assemblies offering stable, long-term R-values, improved temperature stability, and premium sound protection



#### Recyclable, renewable, non-toxic, and carbon negative

Made from residual wood chips to maximize the use of our renewable forest resource. As a high-value insulator with a negative carbon footprint, reduces a building's global warming potential on day one and everyday it operates



#### Moisture managing, safe, and sound absorbing

Installers benefit from the absence of dangerous fibers that harm skin and negatively impact air quality. Leads to the creation of safe, quiet indoor habitats, free of airborne toxins and trapped humidity

## European wood fiber insulation market

- 15 manufacturing facilities in Europe with 5 more under construction
- Estimated \$800 m (~5% of total insulation market) for all three products (board, batt and loose fill)
- Freedonia forecast the European market will reach
   \$1 b in demand by the end of 2023
- Product is sold at a 20% premium in a market that is only 25% wood frame construction

#### EUROPEAN SUPPLIERS OF WOOD FIBER INSULATION:















Freight costs combined with high production costs limit the sale of European wood fiber insulation in North America to select projects only where price is not a factor.



#### **Carbon Footprint**

#### 36 kg CO<sub>2</sub>

Per 100SF @ R=1

14 kg CO<sub>2</sub>

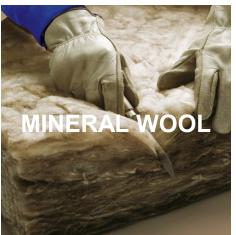
Per 100SF @ R=1

15 kg CO<sub>2</sub>

Per 100SF @ R=1













**WOOD FIBER** 



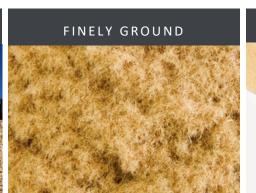
#### Waste into Composites

Made from clean, species-agnostic, softwood residuals; insulating wood fiber composites are a perfect fit for the US wood products manufacturing sector.











#### Can we produce it in Maine?



- Advanced Structures & Composites Center
- School of Forest Resources
- Protypes
- Connections with other testing agencies
- Connections with strategic partners
- Characteristic testing during start up
- Innovation—Test line







#### US and Canada Code Compliance



















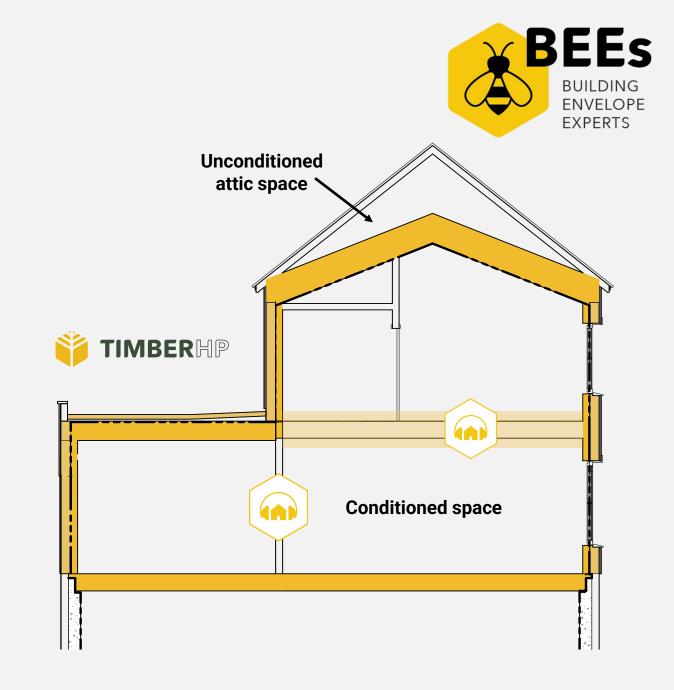
## Translating a European Technology for the US Market

#### **Drop-In Replacement**

- Affordable, low-risk replacement for foam, mineral wool, cellulose, fiberglass, and other traditional insulating products for abovegrade assemblies
- Meet thermal and acoustic demands with the same product offering

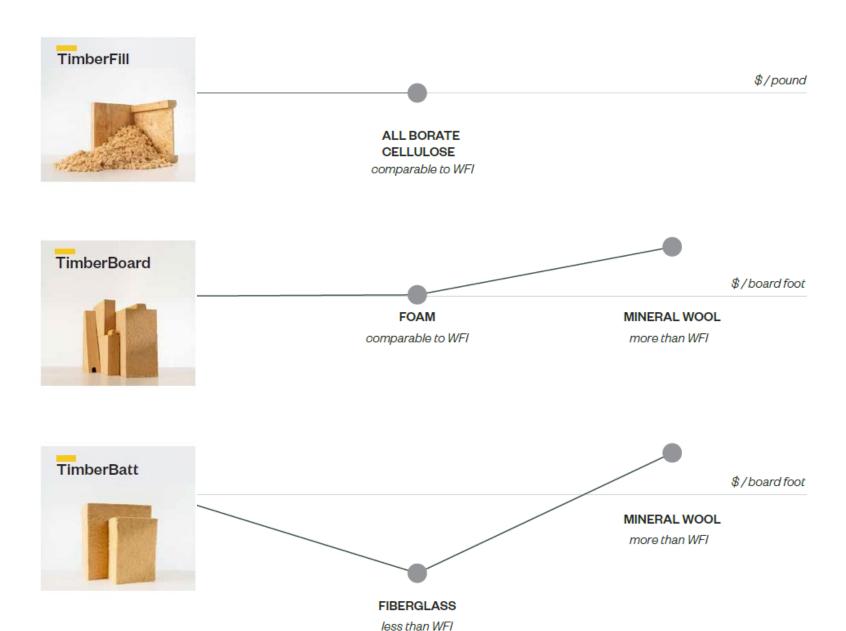
#### **Comprehensive Above-Grade System**

- Full-line of insulating products made from one material to address cavity, continuous, and attic blanket applications
- Prescriptive building envelope approach to create wind-tight, vapor-open assemblies



\*Wood Fiber Insulation: Price Comparison





## Competitive Advantage TimberFill and TimberBatt Insulation

#### **Fire Resistant**

Achieves ASTM E84 Class A flame and smoke spread performance through the introduction of borate as a flame retardant



#### **Best in Class Acoustics**

Best-in-class acoustics and pure fiber are the building blocks for the new indoor habitat





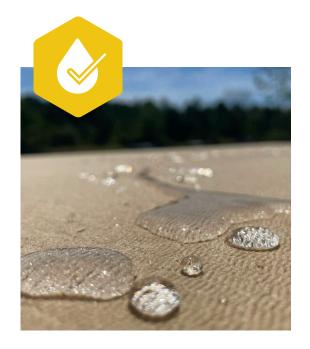
#### **Insulation for All Seasons**

Low Thermal Conductivity & High Heat Capacity balance temperature swings in conditioned spaces, reducing heating and cooling loads



## Competitive Advantage TimberBoard Insulation

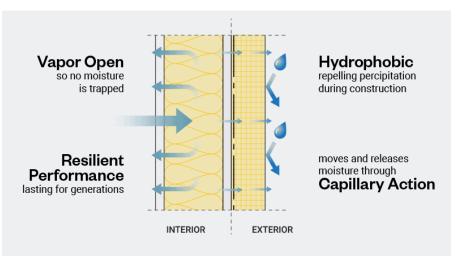
Wood fiber insulation offers high vapor permeability (40 to 70 perms/inch) allowing for drying to both the inside and outside of buildings



Introduction of PMDI and Paraffin throughout the entire fiber stream results in a hydrophobic board that can be exposed in sidewall applications for six months and roof months for three months

Wood fiber can hold 15% of its weight in moisture without losing insulating properties





Build a **GORE-TEX**® home with TimberHP's comprehensive envelope solution

## INTRODUCING A NEW GENERATION OF WOOD FIBER INSULATION

## Impact is Expensive: \$100 MM or More

- Equity investment from forest products manufacturers, loggers, LBM retailers, contractors, architects, and impact investors
- Pine Tree Zone, Opportunity Zone, Maine Seed Tax Credit, Qualified Small Business Stock Section 1202, New Market Tax Credit, Federal Tax-Exempt Bond
- Construction underway with Cianbro as GC
- \$150 MM investment in Maine
- **130 direct jobs**, 16x indirect jobs
- \$150 MM Annual Sales



Uses	(x thousands)	Sources	(x thousands)
Administrative, Marketing, and Legal	4,750	Seed Round Investors	12,000
		Grants	3,351
Working Capital	8,500	Series A Equity	17,500
	_	Subordinated loans	4,225
Costs of Bond Issuance (Underwriter discount and Issuance)	2,600	Mezzanine Debt	3,000
Debt Reserves - Capitalized Interest Fund	11,222	NMTC-cash at close	5,469
Debt Service Reserve	7,190		
		Sub Total	45,545
Production Facility- Madison Maine			
Mill Purchase	1,900	Tax Exempt Bond	85,000
Facility Including Production lines and renovation (see below)	89,967	•	
Facility, Renovations and Green End	-		
5 tph Loose Fill Packaging Line	_		
7 tph Batt Line			
7 tph Board Line	_	December 2	3 2022
Indirect costs including Engineering, CM	-	December 2	J, 2022
Contingency	4,416		
Sub Total Facility	96,283		
TOTAL Uses	130,545	TOTAL Sources	130,545

#### TimberHP Start Up Advantages

- Multidisciplinary team, including Madison senior engineers
- Madison mill <\$2mm</li>
- Infrastructure was intact
- Leverage some used equipment
- Insurance
- Local, state and federal support
- Product line with multiple areas of impact
- Maine's forest products industry support





Martin Troy
Director of Electrical
Engineering



Joseph Clark
Director of Maintenance



**Rick Veinotte**Project Manager

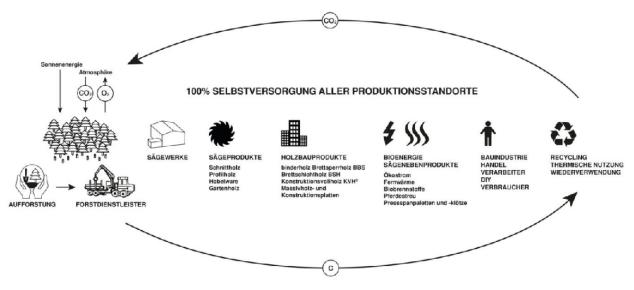
#### TimberHP Start Up Advantages

- Electricity
- Eagle Creek Hydro-\$0.05/KWH
- Madison Electric-COU \$0.135/KWH
- Maine's All-In Rate Today?
- Montreal, QC \$0.081/KWH
- Natural Gas
- Biogas (Wood and Ag)
- Combined Heat and Power
- Ashland, Maine (European Model)



#### **European Lessons**

- Circular Economy
- Reduce waste by converting waste
- Resource efficiency
- Value Add
- Competitive advantage (value add) vs. commodity thinking
- Products to Consider
- Pressed wood pallets
- Industrial pellets
- Long-length and wide finger-jointed lumber
- Hardwood value add







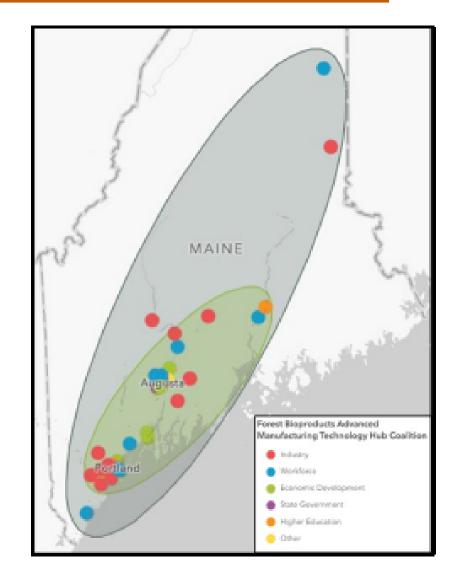






## Thank you!!!

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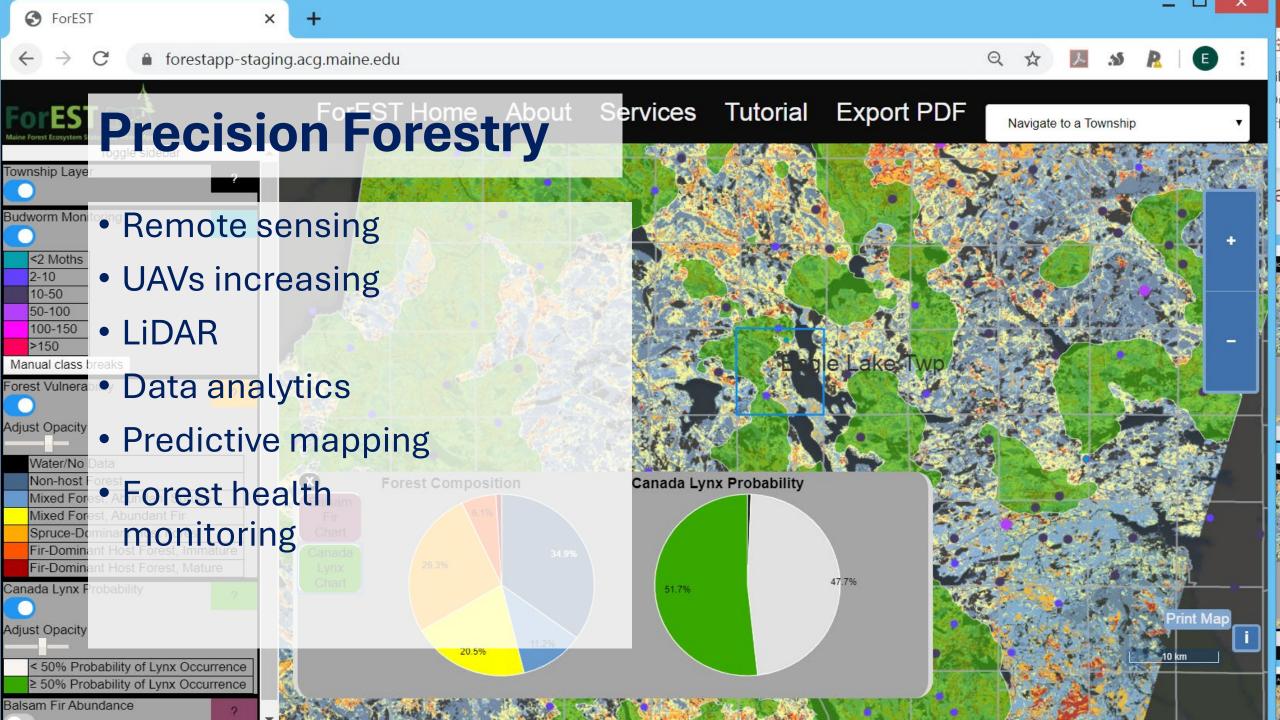




#### **Innovating Within**

- Modern forest management tools and practices
- Nanocellulose materials
- Biobased fuels and chemicals
- Additive manufacturing
- Sustainable packaging
- Advanced building materials...





#### **Workforce Development**

- Mechanized Logging Operations program
- Maine's 10-year strategic economic development plan
- "Green Collar Careers"



Nanocellulose **Building** Adhesives **Products** Plastics & Paper & Laminates Composites **Personal Electronics** Healthcare THE UNIVERSI Process Developmen 3% Cellulose Nanofibrils Cement **Packaging** 00 Paints & **Medical Implements Coatings** & Pharmaceuticals









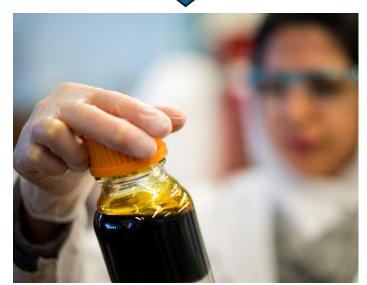




#### **Petrochemical Replacements**













# Large Scale Additive Manufacturing

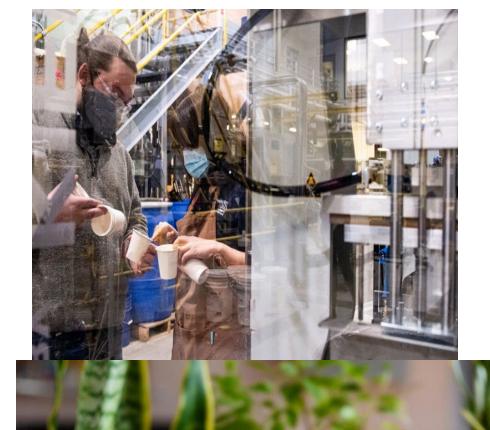












#### **Sustainable Packaging**

"Green and PFAS Free"





#### **Advanced Building Materials**

(and how you can work with UMaine)

- Some guys have an idea
- Call UMaine to see what we can do
- We come up with a scope of work to help
  - Product Development and Evaluation
- Prototype boards manufactured at the Composites Center → comparable to European commercial products
- Some guys buy an old mill in Madison











#### **THANK YOU**

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# Policy Director, Economy and Workforce for the Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

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# Maine's Forest Bioproducts Advanced Manufacturing Tech Hub

POWERING THE UNITED STATES AS A GLOBAL BIOECONOMY SUPERPOWER



For more, visit <a href="http://MaineTechHub.us">http://MaineTechHub.us</a>

#### MAINE'S CAPABILITIES MEET A GLOBAL OPPORTUNITY

Largest contiguous privately-owned working forest in the U.S.

Distinctive innovation assets

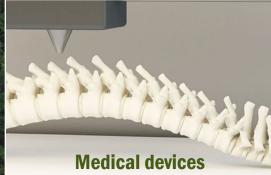
World's largest 3D printer & world's largest public supplier of nanocellulose

\$5 trillion opportunity from switching to biobased products

#### THE FUTURE IS WOOD

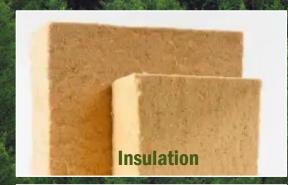
#### **Displacing plastics**







#### **Sequestering carbon**

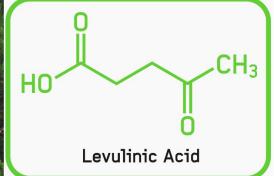


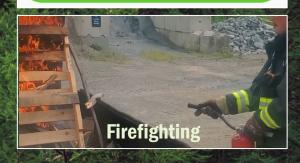




#### **Eliminating toxics**







### Bolstering critical technologies







#### 70+ PARTNERS, COLLABORATORS AND SUPPORTERS

Led by Maine Technology Institute, with GOPIF & DECD

Investor network with \$4.25 billion in assets

Leveraging \$630m in local commitments

State of Maine: Governor's Office of Policy Innovation and the Future, Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, Maine Department of Education, Maine Department of Labor

Industry: Arcadia Alliance, Blue Highway Growth, BlueTriton/Poland Spring, CapaTec, Energy Impact Partners, Flexible Capital Fund, Folia Materials, Hancock Lumber, Highland Solutions, IDEXX, LaCasse & Weston, Louisiana Pacific, Maine Angels, Maine Forest Products Council, Maine Venture Fund, Manufacturers Association of Maine, Material Impact, Northeast Bio-based Materials Collective, OMX Ventures, P3 Nano Program, Professional Logging Contractors of Maine, Progress Engineering, Safer Made, Sappi, SHoP Architects, Tanbark, Thornton Thomasetti, TimberHP, Two Lanterns Venture Fund, Valmet, Valo Ventures, Xylogen

Higher education: Maine Community College System, Northeastern University's Roux Institute, University of Maine

Economic development: Ashland Area Economic Development Council, Coastal Enterprises, Entrepreneurship 4 All, Finance Authority of Maine, FocusMaine, FOR/Maine, Greater Portland Immigrant Welcome Center, Maine Development Foundation, Maine International Trade Center, Maine Technology Institute, New England Forestry Foundation, Our Katahdin, StartUp Maine, Sunrise County Economic Council, Tech Place

Labor and workforce organizations: AFL-CIO Maine, Boots to Roots, Harold Alfond Foundation Center for the Advancement of Maine's Workforce, Maine State Building and Construction Trades, Maine TREE Foundation, New Ventures Maine, Portland Adult Ed's New Mainers Resource Center, Rural Aspirations

Additional partners: Maine Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Northern Forest Center representing CONFIR Regional Innovation Engine, NSF International, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, RAPID Manufacturing Institute, the Towns of Jay, Lincoln, and Old Town.

## MAKING MAINE THE U.S. REGION OF CHOICE FOR FOREST BIOPRODUCT COMMERCIALIZATION

VISION

Over the next decade, Maine's Tech Hub aims to help the U.S. displace at least half of conventional product lines in plastic packaging, building materials, and petrochemicals. It will be the nationwide region of choice for firms developing, manufacturing, and selling innovative, climate-forward products derived from forests and other natural sources.

ORIS

20+ technology lines reach commercial production

4,000 highwage jobs added \$10B in net new firm revenues (sales)

**100** startups accelerated

\$10B in capital investment

TRATES

Technology commercialization

**Business** development

**Talent pipelines** 

#### **About EDA's Tech Hubs:**

Funded by the CHIPS & Science Act out of US Commerce's EDA

Aim to create globally leading technology clusters

Maine's "Tech Hub" designation announced fall 2023

Implementation awards of \$50-75m expected to be announced summer 2024

#### THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

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