

### **Our Mission**

To attract and retain Maine's workforce.

#### How we do what we do:

We partner with employers and communities to develop and execute programming, events, marketing campaigns, and/or other initiatives to support the Maine employment brand, raise awareness of Maine as a career destination, and ultimately attract and retain the talented individuals Maine employers need to continue thriving into the future.

#### Our mantra:

Reinvent no wheels. We're all in this together.

Live Work Maine Inc. is a non-profit organization.



## Funding & Strategy

### LWM is an independent, employer-led non-profit.

We are dependent on partners such as the State of Maine to scale our efforts.

#### Our model:

- Majority (60%+) employer supported, all of whom sit on our Advisory Board (logos below).
- Minority of funds from private non-profits. Select partners sit on Advisory Board.
- Supplemental 5 year contract w/ DECD (current contract ends 2021).





## Our Approach

#### Digital resources, in-person engagement, scalable efforts.

**Resource Website** -> Awareness, self-guided info for talent (liveandworkinmaine.com)

Job Board -> Awareness, call to action (careers.liveandworkinmaine.com)

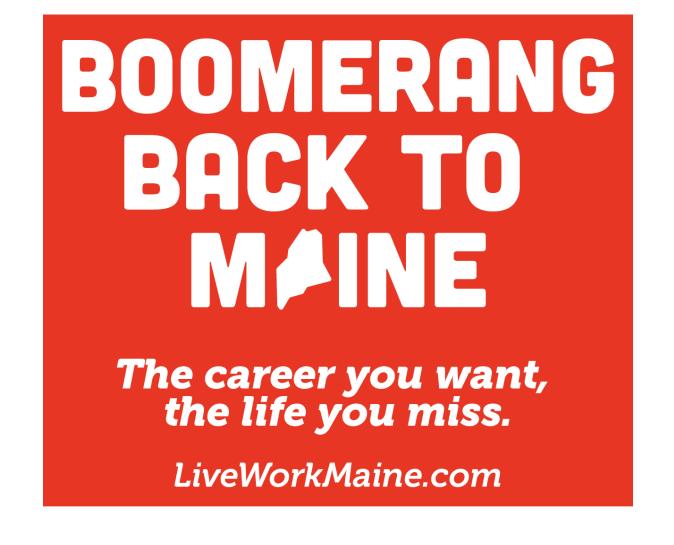
**Programming ->** Imagine ME+You, Jetport Engagement, Out of State Recruiting Road Trips, etc

Scalable Campaigns -> State of Innovation, Welcome Home Programming, Boomerang Back to Maine; Active

Duty/Veteran Attraction; Visit for a Week, Stay for a Lifetime; Opportunity Maine Tax Credit, Campus Interns, etc

**Press/PR** -> Maine has a great story, and world-class assets that make us a desirable place to live and work full-time. We are also a small state, where a few people in a small town can make a big impact - it's a numbers game.

We can attract and retain those who want what we have today, to help build the Maine of tomorrow.







of Maine's Workforce Attraction + Retention Efforts

Updated for 2021+ Reality, vs 2019



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## **STRENGTHS:**

- Strong Maine value proposition
- Live + Work in Maine's model has been vetted against other models around the US
- Passionate people + orgs are engaged
- The right partners exist.
- Some policies/incentives on the books are world-class (ie, Opportunity Maine tax credit)



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## **WEAKNESSES:**

- PREVIOUS STRENGTH: Not all Mainers are aligned with the need for more talented people to live + work here.
- Housing. Housing. Housing.



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## **OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Strong Maine brand affinity means lots of potential for citizen engagement
- 5 years of progress, partnerships, and marketing work by Live + Work in Maine to build from
- State strategy appears to align with employer talent needs.
- PREVIOUS WEAKNESS: Public perception of Maine is becoming more productive in attracting + retaining people and businesses.
- Funding needs for talent attraction + retention are modest relative to the enormous needs of other distressed areas of our economy. Yet, the payback is bigger than most.



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### **THREATS:**

- Competition; Maine isn't alone in our labor shortage.
- Chicken and egg scenario with business attraction; we need jobs to attract people here, but we need people to attract jobs here.
- Uncoordinated efforts split resources, willpower, and confuse the data.
- We need to RETAIN as well as ATTRACT. Boomerang —> Welcome Home
- Thinking too small, or thinking like it's 2019. Remote work, internet connectivity, and beyond...



# WELCOME HOME MONTH

#### FIRST YEAR:

5 State-wide Locations: Presque Isle, Bangor, Lewiston/Auburn, Brunswick, Portland

LWM provides matching funding, marketing, ops support

#### **SHORT-TERM GOAL:**

Connect new residents to their community, increase likelihood of retention.

#### **MEDIUM-TERM GOAL:**

Build local capacity for more welcome events/ programming throughout the year.



#### **HOSTED BY:**









December 2<sup>nd</sup> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Located at The Northeastland Hotel 436 Main St, Presque Isle, ME 04769



November 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm Located at The Tarratine- 81 Park St in Bangor





For more information and to RSVP: www.liveandworkinmaine.com/welcomehome

## PORTLAND

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**WELCOME HOME EVENT** 

# LIVE + WARK MAINE COMMENT

# LEWISTON/ AUBURN WELCOME HOME EVENT

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 5:30pm - 7:30 pm

Located at Gritty's Auburn Brew Pub

68 Main St, Auburn, ME



For more information and to RSVP: www.liveandworkinmaine.com/welcomehome

#### **HOSTED BY:**





November 4<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Located at The Roux Institute at 100 Fore St, Portland, ME 04101



BRUNSWICK WELCOME HOME EVENT

**HOSTED BY:** 



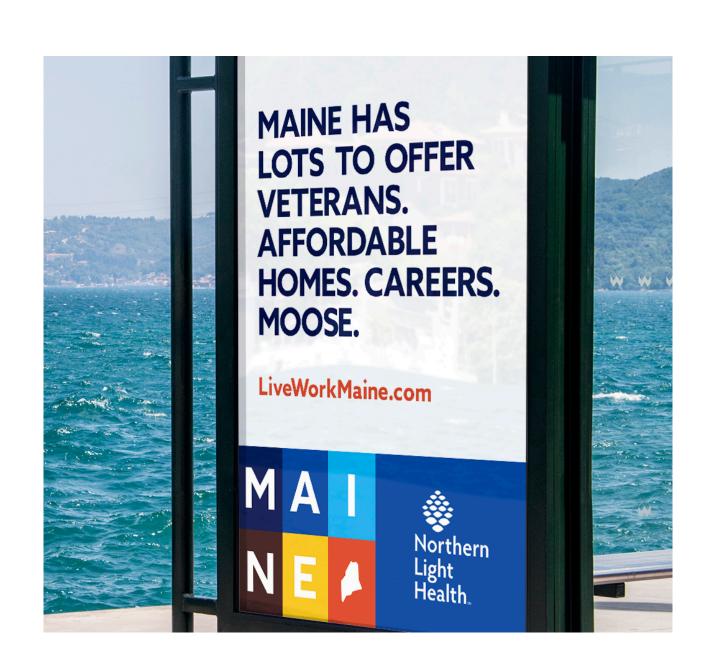


November 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Located at Flight Deck Brewing
11 Atlantic Ave, Brunswick

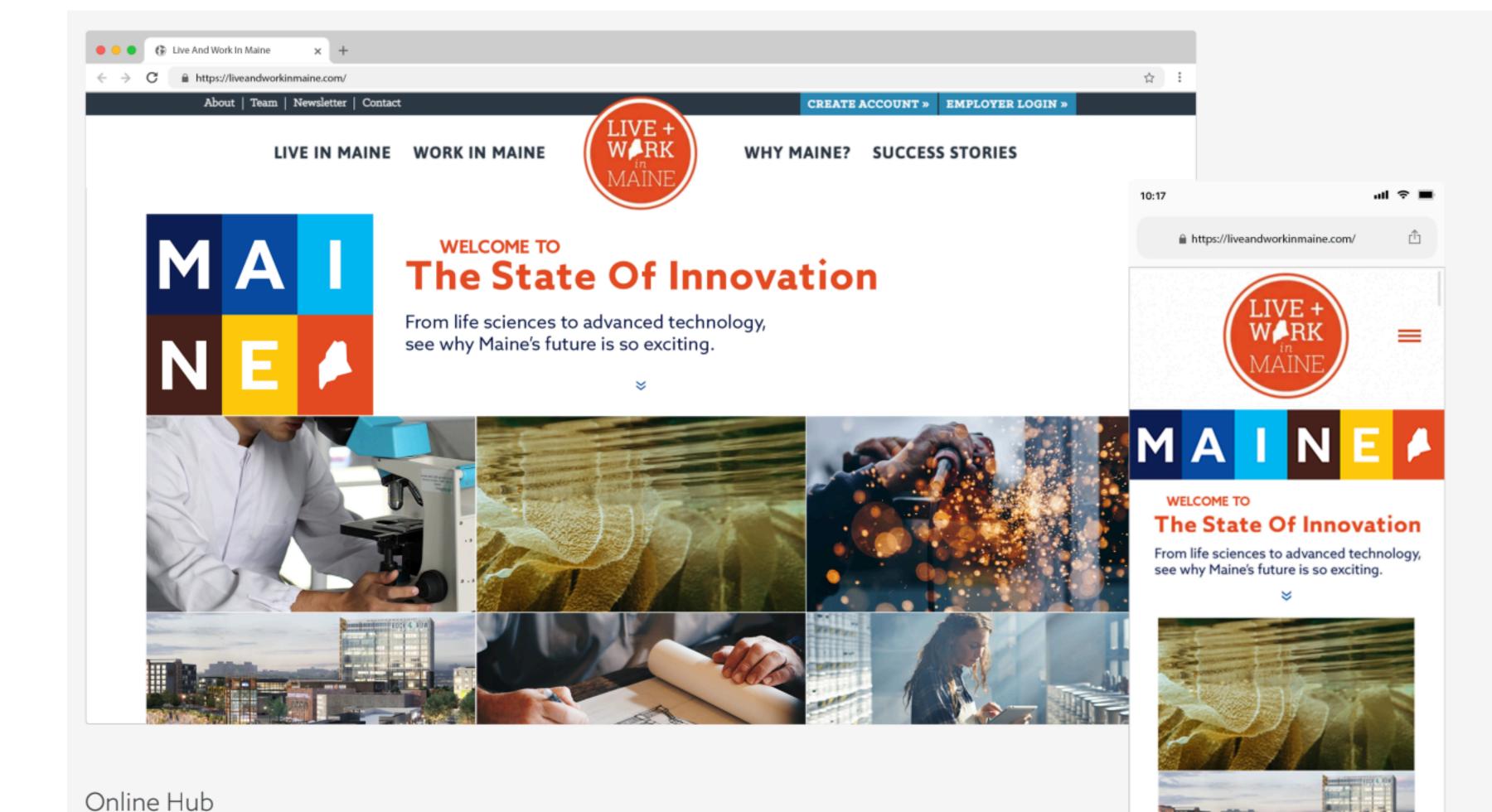
#### STATE OF INNOVATION

- Over \$200k raised so far for Phase 1 of the campaign, entirely from private/non-profit employers.
- 4 additional partners representing \$100k+ in additional spend are considering investment.
- Continue to communicate with State Gov't regarding future funding opportunities to support Phase 2+
- Additional partners for Phase 1 welcome all dollars invested going direct to outreach.













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