Come to Maine, and see what can happen.

> A view from the top of New England: How you and your life sciences business will thrive in the Pine Tree State.

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"Maine's life sciences companies have shown a capacity to attract venture capital, raising nearly \$267 million between 2017 and 2021."

-BioME Industry Report, 2022

# Lifestyle

### Maine is more than just a place — it's a lifestyle

Maine offers a unique blend of professional opportunity and a high quality of life. Home to thriving educational institutions that can serve as a rich talent pool for your company's growth, Maine's workforce ecosystem is vibrant and diverse, offering a skilled workforce that is ready to contribute to your firm's success.

And here, we champion that rare ideal: the work-life balance.

### From the office to the ocean

From the expansive coastline to the endless forests and lakes, Maine's tranquil beauty is perfect for those who seek connection beyond the lab and into the outdoors. And as one of the safest states in the entire country, Maine is a haven for families. In Maine, you'll not only tap into a promising market but also provide your team with an exceptional place to call home.

Maine also offers a strategic advantage: With easy access to Boston, you're never far from New England's central hub — but you also get to stand out in your field, away from the pains of an overcrowded industry center.

Embrace the Maine way of life — where life sciences thrive against a backdrop of natural beauty, a strong sense of community, and an exciting forefront of innovation.

# Support

### **Maine supports Maine**

Maine's strong collaborative professional network sets it apart from other states. Here, community support is at the core of everything. You'll feel that support from the local coffee shop owner who knows your name and asks about your day, to the interconnected web of institutions across the state that work together to enhance your research and development capabilities.

You'll benefit from Maine's new Dirigo Business Incentives Program, driving innovation and opportunity through generous investment tax and workforce training credits. You'll fuel your company's growth through state-funded grants like those of the Main Technology Institute (MTI), which has propelled companies like MedRhythms in Portland from startup to fully-funded with an FDAapproved product headed to market. And you'll have a personal relationship with Maine's large coalition of life sciences partners dedicated to helping your company achieve its goals.

# Impact

### A place to stand out and make a difference.

Maine's burgeoning life sciences ecosystem and network of research institutions offers an exceptional environment for your company to not only thrive but to make an immediate impact.

In Maine, you can position yourself as a pioneer in an emerging market. You can drive innovation that impacts lives on a global scale, with the support of a local community. You can be a luminary in a state that values and supports your vision.

And Maine itself is still growing. Last year, Maine had the second-highest percentage of inbound moves in the country. Over the last five years, the life sciences industry in Maine has shown stronger job growth than all other New England states. And in that same period, Maine has exponentially enhanced its appeal to venture capital investors.

> "Ten minutes to the boat, ten minutes to downtown Portland... You can't live like this in Boston."

-John Konsin, CEO & Co-Founder of Prapela

# **Maine Highlights**

James Beard award guide for food (\* = nominee, \*\* = winner)

### Restaurants

Aragosta, Stonington Bagaduce\*\*, Penobscot Back River Bistro, Wiscasset Cong Tu Bot\*, Portland Leeward\*, Portland Elda\*, Biddeford Eventide\*, Portland Fore Street\*, Portland Izakaya Minato, Portland Magnus on Water, Biddeford Primo, Rockland Scales, Portland The Honeypaw\*, Portland The Lost Kitchen\*, Freedom The Quarry\*\*, Monson Twelve, Portland



## Breweries

Allagash\* Austin Street Banded Batson River Bissell Brothers Bunker Maine Beer Company Oxbow Rising Tide Sacred Profane



### Beaches

Ferry Beach Higgins Beach Ogunquit Beach Old Orchard Beach Popham Beach Reid State Park Sand Beach Willard Beach



### **Rec Areas**

Acadia National Park Allagash Wilderness Waterway Appalachian Scenic Trail Baxter State Park Crescent Beach State Park Coos Canyon Duck Harbor Grafton Notch State Park Moosehead Lake Mount Katahdin and Katahdin Woods Peaks-Kenny State Park Range Pond State Park Rangeley Lakes Sebago Lake

## Boat Clubs

Biddeford Pool Yacht Club, Biddeford Pool Boothbay Harbor Yacht Club, Boothbay Harbor Camden Yacht Club, Camden Freedom Boat Club of Maine, Portland, South Portland, Yarmouth, Naples, Boothbay Great Cove Boat Club, Eliot Portland Yacht Club, Falmouth Rockland Yacht Club, Rockland Winter Harbor Yacht Club, Winter Harbor

## **Music & Entertainment**

Aura, Portland Bubba's Sulky Lounge, Portland Maine Savings Ampitheater, Bangor Opera House at Boothbay Harbor, Boothbay Harbor State Theater, Portland The Front Porch, Ogunquit Thompson's Point, Portland Vinegar Hill Music Theater, Arundel

## **Top High Schools**

(#1-10, US News & World Report) Greely High School Kennebunk High School Cape Elizabeth High School Camden Hills Regional High School Falmouth High School Yarmouth High School Brunswick High School Scarborough High School Maranacook Community High School Baxter Academy for Tech & Sciences