

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY INDUSTRIAL RAIL ACCESS PROGRAM

MaineDOT is currently soliciting applications for its IRAP program. The Industrial Rail Access Program (IRAP) is a Public/Private freight partnership program overseen by the Office of Freight and Business Services at MaineDOT. IRAP provides financial assistance to businesses and shippers for investment in rail or freight rail related infrastructure located on, within or adjacent to the general railroad system. The intent of the program is to stimulate economic and employment growth through generation of new or expanded freight rail service and transportation efficiencies to Maine businesses as well as to enhance intermodal transportation in the State. This State investment will be matched at a minimum 50/50 match level with local and/or private industry funds. IRAP is a competitive program with applications scored based on several criteria as outlined on the IRAP webpage at the following link:
<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/ofbs/irap.htm>

MaineDOT currently has \$1 Million programmed for IRAP that will be available beginning July 1, 2012. Applications may be found on the IRAP webpage with a deadline for submission of February 29, 2012. In addition MaineDOT requests that entities that anticipate applying for IRAP funds submit a short pre-application to MaineDOT by January 20, 2012.

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