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Maine SBA Assists Verso Paper Employees

SBA Staff Meets with Employees Affected by Bucksport Mill Closure Interested in Starting Their Own Business

Augusta, Maine—Maine SBA works to assist Mill employees who want to start their own business. On Thursday, November 13th, a career fair for Verso Paper employees was held at the Orland Community Center. The U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine District Office participated. The District Office has joined forces with several economic development organizations and its agency partners to provide assistance to individuals who are pursuing self-employment, through group trainings and individual business counseling sessions.

“We’ve learned that a very high number of Verso employees are interested in starting their own small business once the mill closes, so we are partnering with like minded organizations in the area to provide the technical expertise and access to capital these hard working Mainers will need to be successful,” said Marilyn Geroux, District Director of the Maine’s District Office. “We are proud to work with great organizations like Eastern Maine Development Corporation, Bangor SCORE, Maine’s Small Business Development Centers and the Department of Economic and Community Development. We also look forward to partnering with other organizations that want to support this entrepreneurial development.”

The Maine SBA Office and its partners will be hosting business training sessions catered to the needs of the small business owners. Training sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. For more information, contact James Pineau with the Maine SBA at 450-2290 or james.pineau@sba.gov.

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