

Requesting Your Feedback



We value your feedback and ask you to please complete our **2026 International Business Needs Survey**, which will take approximately 7 minutes. Your candid feedback will help MITC align and enhance our programs and services to better support Maine's international business community in the future.

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Celebrate Maine's International Business Community



Keynote Presentation: R&D and the Blue Economy

The future of Maine's blue economy will grow from our maritime heritage — but R&D will drive the innovation, solutions, and workforce needed to lead the nation and the world.



Deborah Bronk, PhD
*President and CEO and Senior
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Sciences

Join us at Trade Day 2026 to honor this year's International Trade and Investment Award winners.

Exporter of the Year
Ocean's Balance (Biddeford)

Innovator of the Year
3rd Planet Innovation (*formerly Paramount Planet Product*) (Orono)

Investor of the Year
The Roux Institute at Northeastern University (Portland)

Service Provider of the Year
Maine Maritime Academy (Castine)

President's Award
Sheila Adams

Future Global Leader Award
Madison Johnson

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What We're Hearing - Trade Assistance Summary

From January to March, MITC received over 38 requests for one-on-one assistance from Maine companies and organizations in 10 counties (Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, and Somerset).

With questions focused on an average of 12 countries around the globe each month, the most consistently requested markets of interest from January to March were Canada, China, Iceland, Italy, Mexico, and the European Union. In addition, we saw an increase in questions about Japanese and South Korean markets, both on the export development and investment side.

The most requested topics included taxes and tariffs, distributor/partner information, trade statistics, and export control context. There was ongoing curiosity about evolving US tariff policy, logistics solutions (both import/export), and international legal matters.

If this summary sparks ideas or questions, please reach out to MITC for assistance.

Thank you to our MITC member network for providing Maine businesses with expert perspectives no matter their question or zip code.

[REQUEST TRADE ASSISTANCE](#)

Where Are They Now?

We have been very fortunate to welcome amazing interns to our team and enjoy following their career journeys. Recently, we caught up with **Abigail (Gray) Plante** who interned with MITC in 2020 and is currently a Senior Trade Specialist at Maine International Trade Center. Check out her profile on our "Where Are They Now?" page.

Where Are They Now?

Catching Up with
Former MITC Interns



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Upcoming Events

Leadership in the High North: Advancing Maine's Role in the Arctic

April 22 - 23, 2026
Bangor, ME

2026 U.S.-Canada Economic Forum

April 28, 2026
10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Boston, MA

Trade Day 2026

May 5, 2026
4:00 - 8:00 PM
East Boothbay, ME

2026 Maine Export Day: Grow Your Business Globally

May 18, 2026
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Portland, ME

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How can MITC help your business succeed in global markets?
Do you have questions or comments for our team?

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