

# Maine Domestic Trade Expansion Program 2023-2024 Self-Certification Form

This self-certification form is for businesses seeking financial assistance from Maine International Trade Center (MITC) for the purposes of developing domestic markets. To receive support, companies must self-certify that they meet certain eligibility requirements. An eligible business for purposes of this program is a company that:

1. Is organized or incorporated in the United States;
2. Is operating in Maine;
3. Is engaged with or actively pursuing business development in one of the defined sectors: a) food/beverage/seafood; b) defense/aerospace; or c) renewable energy;
4. Meets the applicable industry-based small business size standard established under Section 3 of the Small Business Act;
5. Has been in business for not less than 1 year, as of the date on which financial assistance under this program commences;
6. Is not presently under an order of debarment or is not otherwise ineligible to receive Federal or State financial assistance.

**Submitting false information to obtain services or financial support under this program is a violation of Federal and State law. If you submit false information, any awards outstanding will be revoked and the Government may seek criminal, civil and/or administrative remedies against you. The Government and/or Maine International Trade Center may also elect to exclude you from further participation in certain Federal and State programs and contracts if you submit false information in connection with this application.**

**I hereby certify that the business I represent is seeking services funded by a Federal grant administered by the State of Maine and is eligible for those services pursuant to the above definition.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pursuant to MITC's enabling statute (10 MRSA 107-B, section 945-J), certain information may be exempt from FOAA requirements upon request. As this certification and associated projects meets the statutory definition of "proprietary information", i.e. "trade secret or production, commercial, or financial information, the disclosure of which would...make available information not otherwise publicly available," we request that any information regarding this certification and associated applications remain confidential, except for reporting purposes to the Maine Department of Economic & Community Development as it relates to its obligations to the Federal government. \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)