

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 26: LABOR AND INDUSTRY**  
**Chapter 39: MAINE INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS**

**§3302. DEFINITIONS**

As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW).]

**1. Career ladder.** "Career ladder" means a clear sequence of education course work or training that is aligned with an identified series of positions, work experiences or educational benchmarks or training credentials that offer occupational and financial advancement within a specified career field or related fields over time.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Collaborative.** "Collaborative" means the Industry Partnership Assistance Collaborative established in section 3301.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**3. Educational programs.** "Educational programs" means the State's elementary and secondary schools, career and technical education centers, adult education programs, the Maine Community College System, the Maine Maritime Academy and the University of Maine System.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**4. High-priority occupations.** "High-priority occupations" means occupations that have a significant presence in an industry cluster, are in demand by employers, pay a livable wage or have a documented career ladder.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**5. Industry cluster.** "Industry cluster" means a group of employers closely linked by a common product or services, workforce needs, similar technologies, supply chains or other industry sector factors.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**6. Industry partnership.** "Industry partnership" means a workforce collaboration that brings together multiple employers and employees, or employee representatives when appropriate, in the same industry cluster to address common workforce needs.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**7. Soft skills.** "Soft skills" means those basic skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment, such as interviewing and communications skills.

[ 2013, c. 368, Pt. FFFFF, §1 (NEW) .]

**8. Targeted industry cluster.** "Targeted industry cluster" means an industry cluster identified by the collaborative pursuant to section 3303, subsection 2 as having statewide economic impact, immediate or long-term workforce development needs and emerging or competitive career opportunities.

§3302. *Definitions (As enacted by PL 2013, c. 335, Pt. A, §1 is REALLOCATED TO TITLE 26, SECTION 3402)*

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