# CHAPTER 387

# CENTERS FOR INNOVATION PROGRAM

## §13141. Centers for Innovation Program

The Centers for Innovation Program, referred to in this chapter as the "program," is established. The program shall administer and establish centers throughout the State to carry out the purposes of this chapter. [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

**1. Centers for innovation.** A center for innovation, referred to in this chapter as "center," represents a specific industry sector identified as offering significant potential for economic growth, employment and business development for the State. A center shall consult with state development agencies to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The centers established include:

A. The Center for Innovation in Biotechnology, which promotes the development of the biotechnology sector; and [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

B. The Aquaculture Innovations Center, which promotes the development of the aquaculture sector. [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

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**2. Purposes.** A center has the following purposes:

A. To bring together a cluster of related experience, business activity and technology in order to promote economic growth and target assistance from government development agencies and resources; [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

B. To advise the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the Maine International Trade Center, the Maine Technology Institute and other state agencies of the needs of a targeted industry; [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

C. To serve as a facilitator of state, local and federal efforts directed at developing an industry sector; [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

D. To assist in the recruitment of businesses and personnel within an industry sector seeking to relocate to the State; and [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

E. To educate, inform and facilitate funding for emerging technologies that are the basis of an industry sector. [PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).]

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PL 2001, c. 95, §5 (NEW).

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