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Progress Report/Gold Star Application
(Please return this report by July 29, 2011)

Adopt-A-Benchmark

(Please be brief - you do not need to use all of the space provided.)

Name of Agency/Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

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Which benchmark(s) did you adopt? Please provide and name(s) from the list on the last page.

What actions have been taken in an effort to achieve the benchmark you adopted since June 30, 2010?

2011 Performance Measures of the Maine Economic Growth Council

ECONOMY

Prosperity

- ≡ 1. Per Capita Personal Income
- + 2. Gross Domestic Product
- 3. Employment
- + 4. Multiple Job Holding

Business Innovation

- ≡ 5. Research and Development Expenditures
- + ★ 6. International Exports
- 7. High Speed Internet Subscribers
- 8. New Business Starts
- + 9. Manufacturing Productivity

Skilled and Educated Workers

- + 10. Higher Degree Attainment
- ≡ 11. Fourth Grade Reading Scores

Business Climate

- 12. Cost of Doing Business
- 13. Cost of Health Care
- + 14. Cost of Energy
- ≡ 15. State and Local Tax Burden
- ≡ 16. Transportation Infrastructure
- ≡ 17. On-the-job Injuries and Illnesses

COMMUNITY

Civic Assets

- + 18. Affordable Housing

Disparities

- ≡ 19. Poverty
- 20. Gender Income Disparity

Health and Safety

- 21. Wellness and Prevention
- ≡ 22. Health Insurance Coverage

ENVIRONMENT

Preservation

- + ★ 23. Conservation Lands

Stewardship

- + 24. Sustainable Forest Lands

Access

- 25. Population of Service Center Communities

KEY TO SYMBOLS

GOLD STARS & RED FLAGS

Determining which performance measures receive Gold Stars and Red Flags are judgments made by members of the Maine Economic Growth Council. These determinations reflect consensus of the group and are based on consideration of the best data available and the experienced perspective of Growth Council members. Generally, criteria are as follows:

★ **Exceptional performance.**
Very high national standing and/or established trend towards significant improvement.

🚩 **Needs attention.**
Very low national standing and/or established trend towards significant decline. In some cases, there is improvement, but it is still viewed as needing attention.

PROGRESS SYMBOLS

The progress symbols reflect movement toward or away from the benchmarks. The benchmarks are established by the Growth Council progress is determined objectively each year by reviewing the most recent trend. The Growth Council does not use a uniform methodology in creating benchmarks. Criteria for applying the progress symbols are as follows:

+ We have moved toward the benchmark since last available data.

- We have moved away from the benchmark since last available data.

≡ No significant movement either way since last available data.