

Small Group Members
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Christopher J. Hall has served as Portland Regional Chamber's senior vice president and government relations liaison since 2007. Prior to his work with the Portland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hall worked for the Maine State Chamber of Commerce for 17 years, as the group's executive vice president and general counsel. He is a board member of Maine Coalition of Excellence in Education. Mr. Hall holds a Bachelor of Arts from Bowdoin College and a Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law.

Garrett Martin recently became Maine Center for Economic Policy (MECEP)'s Executive Director, effective October 18, 2011. He has extensive experience in community economic development including work in the Mississippi Delta, India and Ecuador. As an Adjunct Faculty member at the University of Southern Maine, he taught a graduate level course in community economic development. Mr. Martin served on MECEP's Board of Directors before joining the staff in 2009. He has also worked as Director of Program Strategy at the Maine Community Foundation and as Associate Director at the Genesis Community Loan Fund and currently serves on the Community Development Advisory Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Mr. Martin is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and holds a Master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University.

J. Scott Moody serves as Chief Economist for the Maine Heritage Policy Center and has over 13 years as a public policy economist. He is the author, co-author and editor of over 140 studies and books. He has testified twice before the House Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. Congress as well as various state legislatures. His work has appeared in Bloomberg, Forbes, CNN Money, State Tax Notes, The New York Post, Portland Press Herald, Bangor Daily News and others. His professional experience includes positions as Senior Economist at The Tax Foundation and Senior Economist at The Heritage Foundation. Mr. Moody received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Wingate University in North Carolina and his Master of Arts in Economics from George Mason University.

John Porter became president of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce in January 2010. He is also the founder of John Porter Public Strategies, a communications and government relations firm, which helped to secure a \$25.4 million federal grant for construction of the Three Ring Binder, a fiber-optic network aimed at enhancing broadband Internet access in rural Maine. Prior to forming JPPS in September 2009, Mr. Porter worked for nearly 20 years as a journalist at the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram. His work as a journalist won numerous awards, including three first place awards for editorial writing from the New England Associated Press News Editors Association and, along with a colleague, a first place award for editorial writing from the Inland Press Association. Mr. Porter is a 1982 graduate of Boston University's School of Public Communication and holds a degree in Journalism.