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Maine Nonprofit Day Features Local Economic Council

Machias, ME – The Sunrise County Economic Council (SCEC) will join the Maine Association of Nonprofits in celebrating Maine Nonprofit Day at the State House January 27th. SCEC, which was founded in 1993 by a grassroots coalition dedicated to initiating and facilitating the creation of jobs and prosperity in Washington County, is one of twelve organizations statewide to be selected for the event which will take place in the Hall of Flags from 8:30AM-1PM.

“This is a tremendous honor,” SCEC Board Chairman Josh Bragg said. “We welcome the opportunity to educate legislators, state officials, and members of the public about SCEC’s work in Washington County. Many exciting projects and initiatives are happening here: We have several alternative energy initiatives, including wind and tidal power development, infrastructure improvements ranging from broadband to transportation underway, a first of its kind tax increment financing program helping businesses and residents of the county’s Unorganized Territories, and so many more opportunities that are increasing economic activities in Downeast Maine.”

SCEC Executive Director Harold Clossey added that while SCEC may be in the limelight, there are many others locally who are doing good work.

“This is not all about us,” he said. “We don’t work in a vacuum, nor do we work alone. In fact SCEC has strong relationships with countless local partners including businesses, nonprofit organizations, governments and the community. We recognize that if progress is going to be made in building the county’s economy it has to come both from multiple perspectives and a singularity of purpose. We deeply appreciate and value each and every community member who is out there doing the hard work of economic and community development.”

Nonprofit Day takes place on January 27, 8:30am – 1pm, in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta. To register, visit www.nonprofitmaine.org and click on 2011 Nonprofit Day under “What’s New.”

For more information on this event, please call the Maine Association of Nonprofits at 871-1885. For more information on SCEC please call 255-0983, email us at scec@sunrisecounty.org or Join us on Facebook.

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