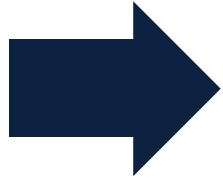
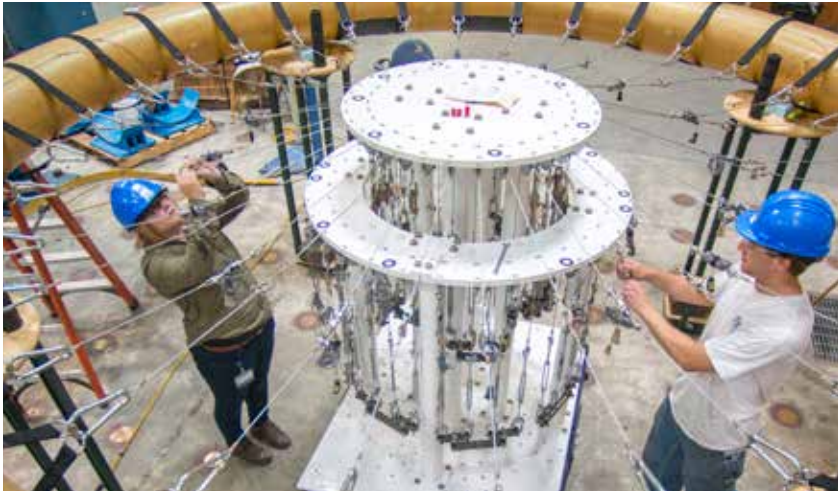


UMaine Needs Your Help!



On Tuesday, June 13th, Maine voters will decide Question 1, a \$50 million bond proposal.



If approved, researchers and entrepreneurs in the state will be eligible for both matching grants and loans to support investment in Maine-based research, development, and product commercialization.

It's an effective strategy to attract private-sector investment in R&D as well as federal research grants and contracts. These private-public partnerships are a proven, established way to spur economic growth and job creation.



What's In It For UMaine?



UMaine researchers have been highly successful in competing for R&D bond funds, earning dozens of matching grants since 1999.

Examples include \$5 million for UMaine's Advanced Engineered Wood Composites Center, \$4.8 million for its Forest Bioproducts Research Technology Center, \$1.6 million to develop biomass engineered

fuel technology, and \$2.6 million for aquaculture research.

Those four projects alone received a total of \$14 million in MTI awards—and were matched with more than \$23 million in additional outside funding.

Of course, students as well as faculty are intimately involved in UMaine research. Participation in university-based R&D provides valuable teaching and learning opportunities and helps prepare students for careers after college.

But the big ROI is found in the jobs, products, technologies, and spin-off companies that UMaine R&D has helped generate—and will continue to generate with passage of Question 1 on June 13th!

Here's How You Can Help!

You have two options for voting on Question 1.

1

Early Voting, which allows you to cast your ballot at your local town or city clerk's office any weekday between now and June 12th

—OR—

2

Vote at your local polling place on Tuesday, June 13th

Our suggestion: Take advantage of **Early Voting** and encourage your family and friends to do the same!

Here's How Question 1 Will Work

To compete for funding, Maine researchers submit their proposals to the Maine Technology Institute (MTI), a not-for-profit organization that runs the awards program. MTI judiciously reviews proposals to determine their likely return on investment, or ROI. MTI judges all proposals based on clear, measurable criteria related to merit, economic impact, and relevance to Maine.

Since 1999, MTI has approved nearly \$180 million in R&D funds for nearly 2,000 proposals involving projects in all 16 Maine counties. The ROI has been tremendous: Maine researchers have leveraged those funds to attract almost \$900 million in additional private funds and research grants*. That's five dollars raised for every one dollar awarded!

* Source:
MaineTechnology.org/mti-impact/mti-results/

