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Maine MEP clients to receive Small Business Administration awards

AUGUSTA, Me. – Maine Manufacturers Extension Partnership ([Maine MEP](#)) is pleased to announce that two of its clients are winners of 2018 U.S. Small Business Administration awards. LAW Calibration of Saco is the 2018 Maine Veteran Owned business of the Year and Good To-Go LLC of Kittery is the Small Business Manufacturer of the Year. Both awards, along with an array of others, will be presented at the Maine SBA Small Business Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, from 4 to 6 p.m., Harraseeket Inn, 162 Main Street, Freeport.

Good To-Go has manufactured gourmet, natural food for backpackers and campers. Jennifer Scism, previously a chef and restaurateur in New York City, and David Koortis, an avid Maine outdoorsman, combined their different experience and passions and, in 2014, began creating small batches of lightweight, portable, dehydrated meals. After a home-based beginning, Good To-Go is now available at L.L. Bean and Amazon, and at the sort of small, local retailers who helped the owners get their start. The company supports a number of environmental organizations, and is a member of Maine Outdoor Brands, which promotes Maine's outdoor economy.

Four years in the U.S. Air Force gave Louis Waterhouse training and experience using precision measurement equipment. Such equipment needs calibrating on a regular basis. After working for several employers, he opened LAW Calibration in his basement in 2010. Now the company services equipment for some of Maine's largest industries, such as wood products, aquaculture and beverages. In 2017, LAW Calibration acquired a calibration lab with complementary services. Today Waterhouse operates his company out of a 14,000-sq.-ft. space in Saco, where he also provides training, apprenticeships and programs for high school students.

“Maine MEP is always proud of the success of our clients,” said Muriel Mosher, president of the Maine MEP. “We are especially thrilled to see small manufacturers such as Good To-Go and LAW Calibration, which both began as home-based businesses, grow and be recognized for their achievements. When small businesses succeed in Maine, all of Maine benefits.”

For more information or to register for the Maine SBA Small Business Awards Ceremony, contact Keith Lind, keith.lind@sba.gov, or call 207-622-8551.

About Maine MEP

The Maine MEP is a program of the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development and an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The national MEP system is a network of manufacturing extension centers that provide business and technical assistance to smaller manufacturers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Through MEP, manufacturers have access to more than 2,000 manufacturing and business professionals whose job is to help firms make changes that lead to greater productivity, increased profits and enhanced global competitiveness. For information on the Maine MEP program, please visit www.mainemep.org, or phone 207-623-0680.

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