

CEI Community Ventures Inc.

Presents  
*Financing Growth*

A Panel Presentation and Discussion on Equity Investment and Grant Programs  
to Assist with Research & Development and Product Commercialization

Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2004  
10:00 A.M. to Noon  
(reception and buffet lunch to follow)

Eastland Park Hotel  
157 High Street  
Portland, Maine

This event is intended to create awareness and provide information about resources available in Maine to assist businesses that have, or are developing, promising new products or services with high growth potential.

**Together for the first time ever**, every private equity and venture capital fund in Maine will be present to both educate attendees on the investment process and to describe their specific investment focus. In addition, Janet Yancey Wrona, Maine's new Director of the Office of Innovation will describe state programs in support of technology innovation, including the Maine Technology Institute.

Maine-based venture capital and private equity investor presenters include:

Kip Moore, Principal, **Little Diamond Island Enterprises**, a private angel investor targeting early stage opportunities in Maine;

John Burns, Fund Manager, **Small Enterprise Growth Fund (SEGF)**, an \$8M venture capital fund targeting early stage businesses in Maine;

Michael Gurau, President, **CEI Community Ventures\***, a \$10M fund targeting growth businesses located in underserved regions of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont;

Jesse Devitte, Managing Director and Co-Founder, **Borealis Ventures**, a \$20M fund targeting early stage technology companies in northern New England;

Nat Henshaw, President of **CEI Ventures\***, a \$20M fund targeting growth companies in the eastern US;

Mark Morrissette, General Partner of **North Atlantic Capital**, a \$75M private equity fund targeting late-stage businesses in northeastern and mid-atlantic states;

Tim Agnew, Principal of **Masthead Venture Partners**, a \$160M venture capital fund targeting early stage technology companies in New England.

\*(CEI Ventures and CEI Community Ventures are for-profit subsidiaries of Coastal Enterprises, Inc., a non-profit community development company operating in Maine for more than twenty six -years.)

Space is limited so please **RSVP** with your contact information (including telephone and email address) before September 8<sup>th</sup> to Nelle Hanig at the City of Portland Economic Development Division via email [nrh@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:nrh@portlandmaine.gov) or telephone 207-756-8019.

#### Directions to Eastland Park Hotel

From I-95 to I-295: Take exit 6A (Forest Avenue South) and turn right onto Congress Street. Take Congress Street to High Street and turn right. The hotel is on the right hand side of the road.

Parking is conveniently located at the Gateway Parking Garage next door to the Hotel.