



## Software Testing & Usability Design Center

TechMaine's Software Testing and Usability Design Center is a new project combining workforce and economic development activities with an educational infrastructure that stretches from High School through Graduate Studies. This endeavor will bring academia and industry together in a unique new model. This is an industry driven effort to support all of Maine's technology industry sectors.

The Center will link TechMaine, the Westbrook Regional Voc High School, York County Community College, the University of Southern Maine and Maine's technology community through a unique educational/vocational program.

TechMaine's Software Testing and Usability Design Center will create:

- a pipeline of future technology workers to build Maine's TechForce and attract new companies
- a modular curriculum, developed by industry, which complements existing and new degree programs and matches industry needs
- a linkage through all of the participating educational facilities (HS, CC, University) to reinforce an educational pathway from High School through graduate studies
- an internship/apprentice vehicle at multiple skill levels fostering a portfolio of experience and skills for each student
- a reinforcement of Maine's Quality brand for technology development products and services
- additional faculty working with industry for educational, workforce and economic development
- a technology testing lab with up-to-date equipment shared by the educational institutions and the technology community
- a facility that will position Maine in a leadership role as a quality technology development center of excellence
- a facility enabling Maine technology products and services to reach the market faster and with a higher level of quality and user appeal

The TechMaine facility will prepare Maine's TechForce for global opportunities. Recent reports by Gartner and the Information Technology Association of America highlight the most effective opportunities for the US to compete globally:

*"However some functions will continue to be best done onshore. Included in this group are many customer facing ADM (application development management) functions (requirements definition, user acceptance testing, test script generation), functions where complex, high touch and/or continuous interaction with users is necessary (project, program and relationship management...)"*

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