

City of Lewiston Press Release

Members of the Media: Below please find a brief press release in regards to a **September 15th panel discussion hosted by the City of Lewiston and the Maine State Chamber focusing on the role the immigrant community will play in Maine's future job creation. The media is welcome to attend.** Thanks, Dottie

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEWISTON: Lewiston Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., is announcing that the City of Lewiston and the Maine State Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an informative panel discussion on September 15, 2011, at Bates College, commencing at 8:30 a.m. The focus will be ***“Staying Competitive in a Global Age: The Role of the Immigration Community in Maine’s Job Creation.”*** The event is a joint effort in collaboration with The Partnership for a New American Economy.

Dana F. Connors, President of the Maine State Chamber, notes, ***“Too few of us understand the role of immigrants in our state and the impact that the immigration community has on our economic success both today and for the future. We hope this discussion will provide a better understanding of the role immigrants will play in the success of our economic future.”***

Mayor Laurent F. Gilbert, Sr., concurs, ***“This is indeed a positive opportunity for us to talk about what our economy will look like in the near future and beyond. We’ll hear from various community leaders who will provide insight into experiences they’ve had with members of the immigrant community and how they envision immigrants contributing for years to come.”***

Mayor Gilbert will emcee the event, and **panelists will be** Cindy Talbot, V.P. of Human Resources – Barber Foods; Michael Hyde, V.P. for Advancement & External Relations – The Jackson Laboratory; Richard Pattenaude, Chancellor – University of Maine System; and Jeremy Robbins – The Partnership for a New American Economy. The event will commence at 8:30 a.m. and is expected to wrap-up by 10:00 a.m.

For additional information, please contact either dottie@lewistonmaine.gov or 513-3000, X3205 **OR** adowning@mainechamber.org or 623-4568 X104. For additional information on The Partnership for a New American Economy, please visit www.renewoureconomy.org

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