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***Accomplishments of local chambers
and business leaders to be recognized at
Maine State Chamber's 2013 Annual Dinner***

AUGUSTA – On Friday, November 15, the Maine State Chamber of Commerce will present its annual recognitions during its 2013 Annual Dinner, slated from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Augusta Civic Center. The officers and board members of the Maine State Chamber of Commerce will bestow a total of eight honors this year.

The prestigious **Alton “Chuck” Cianchette Business Hall of Fame** will be presented to *Michael Dubyak* of WEX. Named in remembrance of Chuck Cianchette and awarded to those who reflect his values, the Alton “Chuck” Cianchette Business Hall of Fame award annually recognizes the contributions of an individual who demonstrates public service leadership, business success, and most importantly, embodies his spirit through compassion, courage, and commitment.

This year's **President's Recognition Award** will be presented to *H. Sawin Millett Jr.*, commissioner of Administrative and Financial Services, for his many years of humble service to the people of the State of Maine. The President's Recognition Award is presented to a company or individual who demonstrates involvement in promoting the mission and activities of the Maine State Chamber. This year we are recognizing an individual who has consistently demonstrated a commitment to investing in Maine's economy and its people.

In addition, four **Investor Awards** will be presented at the ceremony on November 15. The 2013 recipients are *GAC Chemical Corporation, Sea Bags, FHC, Inc., and Pratt & Whitney*. The Maine Investor Awards recognizes Maine businesses for outstanding contributions to the growth of their companies and the state's economy. We salute those that invest in the development of their community and our state.

Steven Wallace of the Southern Midcoast Maine Chamber will receive the *Chamber Executive of the Year*. The Chamber Executive of the Year Award recognizes a local chamber executive's hard work and dedication, determined by a statement of achievements detailing such noteworthy efforts as economic development initiatives, successful events, and an improved bottom line.

Meg Keay will receive the *Chamber Volunteer of the Year* for her work with the Eastport Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award honors an individual who is actively dedicated to the vitality of their local chamber. Selection is determined from a statement of the volunteer's leadership qualities and accomplishments.

For more information regarding the Maine State Chamber and its annual awards, please contact Melanie Baillargeon, director of communications, by calling (207) 623-4568, ext. 110, or emailing melanieb@mainechamber.org.

About the Maine State Chamber of Commerce...

The Maine State Chamber of Commerce represents a diverse network of 5,000 businesses statewide and advocates on behalf of their interests before the Legislature and regulatory agencies and through conferences, seminars, and affiliated programs. Through its OneVoice program and collaboration with local and regional chambers throughout the state, the Maine State Chamber represents thousands of businesses with fewer than 10 employees. Its Grassroots Action Network works to involve members and their employees in the legislative process through outreach campaigns.

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