APPENDIX IX:
CURRENT UMS ORGANIZATIONAL MODEL

The University of Maine

Located on a sprawling, 660-acre campus in Orono, the University of Maine is the State’s land-grant and sea-grant institution and the State’s designated research university. UMaine is among the four percent of American universities and colleges classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Doctoral/Research Extensive institution, the highest classification. In 2004, UMaine ranked as the No. 1 “Best Bargain-Public” in the Princeton Review’s annual guide.

Internationally renowned for its programs in engineering and natural sciences, UMaine’s graduating seniors also annually place among the nation’s top finishers in pre-professional exams in business, nursing, social work, and other fields. UMaine’s teacher education program is the largest in the State, as is its liberal arts college.

As the flagship of the University of Maine System, UMaine has a State-wide mission. Its faculty, resources, and programs serve all of Maine and its people through teaching, basic and applied research, and public service outreach. UMaine operates Cooperative Extension, which serves Maine through consumer and small-business assistance, family and youth programs, and other forms of education and outreach. UMaine is also home to the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy, a non-partisan public service institution that promotes dialogue and conducts ground-breaking research that explores local, regional, and national policy issues. Extending educational opportunities to mid-coast Maine, the University of Maine operates the Hutchinson Center, a state-of-the-art learning facility located in Belfast.

In keeping with its full complement of learning opportunities, UMaine is one of the State’s pre-eminent providers of visual and performing arts. Its Maine Center for the Arts annually hosts internationally renowned performers and productions as well as the cultural artifacts of the Hudson Museum. Located nearby, in Bangor, is the world-class University of Maine Museum of Art. UMaine is the home of the Maine Black Bear athletics, Maine’s only NCAA Division I athletics program.

University of Maine at Augusta

The University of Maine at Augusta prides itself in its commitment to non-traditional students and ways of learning. At its campuses in Augusta, Lewiston, and Bangor (University College of Bangor), students are provided with professional and academic opportunities offered through traditional classroom instruction as well as a variety of
distance learning technologies available at 11 University College locations and more than 100 Interactive Television (ITV) sites throughout the State.

Perhaps UMA’s best-known offering is its degree program in Jazz & Contemporary Music, which *Downbeat* magazine named one of the 50 best jazz programs in the country. And for aspiring architects, UMA has a special arrangement with the Boston Architecture Center that gives UMA graduates special consideration for its professional master’s program.

UMA partners with Maine State Government to offer Capital Campus, created to address the specific educational needs and career-advancement opportunities of the thousands of State government employees living in the Augusta region. In addition, many of the courses are transmitted to other state offices through closed-circuit television.

The Mental Health and Human Services degree program, which UMA offers state-wide using distance technology, was designed in response to Maine’s need for enhanced community-based services and is the largest baccalaureate programs in the University System.

A recently completed Student Technology Center adds enhanced student and computer services at the Augusta campus. The 40,000 square-foot facility includes student lounges and dining services, a Bookstore, and state-of-the art computer labs (including new music synthesizing and computer imaging facilities) and lecture halls to improve the educational experience of students.

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**University of Maine at Farmington**

Nestled at the foothills of the mountains in western Maine, the University of Maine at Farmington is Maine’s public liberal arts college, offering quality baccalaureate programs in the arts and sciences, education, and human services. With enrollment limited to the equivalent of 2,000 full-time students, UMF is about the same size as many of New England's most selective private colleges and offers many of the same advantages, yet at an affordable price.

Over the years, UMF has earned a national reputation for excellence. In fact, "U.S. News & World Report" has named it one of "America's Best Colleges" for eight consecutive years—the only college of its kind in New England to earn that distinction. UMF is also a founding member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges, an exclusive national group of 20 public colleges and universities dedicated to the liberal arts.

As an integral part of the region’s intellectual and social culture, UMF fosters among its students, faculty, and staff a strong sense of community engagement. Volunteerism is even a part of the curriculum (called “Service-Learning”) in many UMF classes. Overall, about 70 percent of all UMF students participate in some sort of hands-on learning experience outside the classroom, including internships, practica, student teaching, class projects, and service-learning.
**University of Maine at Fort Kent**

The University of Maine at Fort Kent is a liberal arts-based university offering quality baccalaureate and associate degree programs responding to the needs of northern Maine. The UMFK academic experience provides close interaction with faculty, small classes, and the use of leading technology.

UMFK’s curriculum emphasizes the special challenges of rural communities in America and celebrates its proximity to the wonder of Maine’s wilderness and the joys of outdoor sports and activities. The University preserves and fosters an appreciation of the Acadian and Franco-American heritage and culture, and in September 2004 celebrated the grand opening of the new $1.4 million, 7,584 square foot building that houses the Acadian Archives/Archives acadiennes.

As the cultural center of its region, UMFK attracts historians, writers, and visual and performing artist who want to experience the unique richness of the historical St. John Valley. That appeal is reiterated time and again by UMFK students, who find the school an ideal learning environment.

The University contributes significantly to the economic, social, and cultural development of the region. In 2004, the campus served as one of the host sites for the Biathlon World Cup, which attracted thousands of participants and visitors from around the world.

**University of Maine at Machias**

What sets the University of Maine at Machias apart from other leading small New England liberal arts colleges is its unique Downeast location (which combines striking natural beauty and a vibrant human community) and its commitment to experiential, place-based learning, environmental studies, and sustainability. UMM students are engaged not only in the classroom but in the community and the environment through fieldwork, internships, co-op opportunities, service learning, and applied research. The UMM experience is also characterized by close student-faculty relations and individualized attention with an average class size of 16 students.

UMM has earned a national and an international reputation. The University was recently recognized as one of the top five public comprehensive colleges in the north by “U.S. New and World Report,” and UMM’s Marine Biology program recently received a National Science Foundation grant to support development of a marine research center, providing educational, scientific, and economic benefits for the Downeast region and beyond.

Academic programs in Marine Biology, Environmental Studies, Recreation Management, Biology, Education, Business Administration, English, History, Behavioral Science, and Interdisciplinary Fine Arts attract students from across the country as well as from overseas. The resulting diversity of the student body further enhances students’ educational and campus life experiences.
University of Maine at Presque Isle

The University of Maine at Presque Isle is a regional university for students who seek intellectual, cultural, and outdoor adventure within the context of a small, supportive community. The University integrates outstanding academics with an extraordinary natural and cultural environment that allows students to develop the skills and self-confidence to succeed in life.

UMPI’s 1500 students choose from a combination of liberal arts and selected professional programs. Many of these programs utilize internships and fieldwork within the community, not only to enhance the education of students but also to improve the quality of life in the region.

The University serves as an economic and cultural, as well as educational, resource for the entire community. A variety of workshops and programs offer personal and professional advancement, and dynamic speakers visit the campus through a variety of lecture series. The Northern Maine Museum of Science, cultural programs, and art galleries serve to enrich the community and add to its economic vitality, and the Maine Solar System Model, a University and community project, has brought national attention to the region.

The new Caroline D. Gentile Health and Physical Education Complex, for which the University recently broke ground, will benefit the health and economy of the entire central Aroostook region.

University of Southern Maine

Reflecting the dynamic, multicultural energy of its urban setting, the University of Southern Maine offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs at campuses in Portland, Gorham, and Lewiston-Auburn. Its acclaimed programs in music, business, health professions, fine arts, and teacher education are among the many academic offerings USM provides to serve the educational, economic, cultural, and social needs of southern and central Maine.

USM is also widely recognized as the home of the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service. The Muskie School's interdisciplinary, problem-focused graduate programs combine classroom and applied field experiences. The Muskie School educates leaders, informs public policy, and strengthens civic life through its graduate degree programs, research institutes, and public outreach activities.

As one of the 10 largest employers in its region, USM plays a vital role in the community. Its faculty, staff, and students lend their expertise in a variety of ways through business assistance, applied research, problem-solving, and civic involvement.

The University of Maine School of Law, commonly referred to as Maine Law, is an administrative unit of USM. Maine Law prepares its graduates for a wide variety of careers in law, business, government, and public service. Areas of special curricular strength include business and commercial law, marine law, trial advocacy, and international law.

After recently completing the most successful capital campaign in its history, USM is enjoying a period of growth that has added support for scholarships, academic
programs, and funding for the completion of the top three floors of the Albert Brenner Glickman Family Library. The new expansion to the Science Building, with State support, is home to the Wise Laboratory of Environmental & Genetic Toxicology.