

**PRESS RELEASE
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FIELD RIDER JOINS THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY

The Business Development Company, a provider of loans and investment capital for New England business, announces that **R.P. Field Rider** has been hired as a senior loan and investment officer covering the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. Field will be based in a newly opened office in Portland, ME. Previously, Field has served as a Director of the Business Assistance Division of the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME), and the senior commercial loan officer for Androscoggin Savings Bank in Lewiston, ME.

Ken Smith, President of The Business Development Company, notes that "Field brings a unique blend of banking, non-conventional financing know how and private business experience that makes him ideally suited to offer creative financing solutions to New England businesses."

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ABOUT THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY:

The Business Development Company is a 53 year-old private company owned by 40 financial institutions that loans money to and invests in privately held companies throughout New England. The BDC currently has over \$350 million dollars in loans and investments to several hundred companies in the region.

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