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Professional Logging Contractors of Maine Hires New Executive Director

Bob Linkletter, President of the Professional Logging Contractors (PLC) of Maine (www.maine-loggers.com), has announced that Dana A. Doran of Belgrade, Maine, will be the new Executive Director for the organization.

Mr. Doran is replacing Mike Beardsley, who stepped down from the position in December 2013. Mr. Beardsley served as Executive Director from 2010-13.

Mr. Doran will begin performing his new duties on March 31st. He has more than fifteen years of leadership experience in various capacities with organizations in government, private industry, economic development and education. Mr. Doran comes to the PLC from his most recent position as Director of Energy and Paper Programs at Kennebec Valley Community College in Fairfield, Maine. Mr. Doran held this position since 2010 and also served as Director of Resource Development for the college from 2007-10.

“We are thrilled that Dana Doran will be joining our organization,” Bob Linkletter, President of the PLC, said. “His combination of experience in public policy, workforce development, fundraising, and private industry is truly unique. The PLC has built itself into a leadership organization for loggers in the State of Maine and Dana Doran is exactly the type of leader that our organization needs to represent our membership both now and for the future.”

Mr. Doran is a native Mainer and has significant ties to the forest products industry in Maine. Since returning to Maine in 1999, he has cultivated his passion for timber both professionally and personally. He is a member of the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine he has owned two woodlots that have been recognized by the American Tree Farm System. He has also had a unique opportunity to serve in several positions with a diverse set of organizations, both public and private, in Washington, DC and here in Central Maine where logging was a topic of his work on various occasions.

“I am ecstatic that I have been given the chance to work with such a vibrant and focused organization,” said Mr. Doran. “The PLC represents the fabric that the State of Maine was built on.



Although many challenges lie ahead, the future is bright for Maine's highly adaptive, talented and evolving logging industry. The forest products industry in Maine, from biomass, to pulp and paper, and various other products, would not succeed without the strong participation of loggers. I am honored that the PLC has chosen me to work with them to reinforce the place that the logging profession has in the Maine economy.”

Mr. Doran is a 1996 graduate of Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, where he earned a B.A. in History/Government and Law. He was awarded an M.P.A. with a focus on Public Administration from the University of Connecticut in 1998. He and his family currently reside in Belgrade, Maine.

From 1998-1999, Mr. Doran worked as a political appointee for then President William Clinton in the United States Department of Labor. From 1999-2001, he served Governor Angus King as Assistant Commissioner of Public Affairs for the Maine Department of Labor. In 2001, Mr. Doran joined Central Maine Power Company as their Director of Business Development, acting in this capacity until 2003. From 2003-07, Mr. Doran taught social studies and coached varsity basketball at Gardiner Area High School.

The mission of the PLC is to promote logging as a profession, advocate for logging professionals, cultivate responsible forest management, and sustain a strong forest products industry.

The Professional Logging Contractors of Maine was formed in 1995 to give independent logging contractors and sole proprietors a voice in a rapidly changing forest industry. A Board of Directors made up entirely of loggers makes the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine the only logging organization in Maine run by loggers for loggers.

The PLC is also a founding member of [The American Logging Council](#), an organization that represents professional loggers on a national level.

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