

## VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

# Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, Meat and Poultry Processors Association

Montpelier, VT



Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

The Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, located in Montpelier, Vermont, was created by the Vermont Legislature in 1995 to accelerate the development of Vermont's green economy. We provide early stage grant funding, technical assistance, and loans to entrepreneurs, businesses, farmers, networks and others interested in developing jobs and markets in the green economy. VSJF currently has 6 staff and 11 board members.



The goal of this project is to drive meat industry development through enhancing producer-processor partnership and professionalism. This is a timely three-part project that includes 1) Research, development and implementation of appropriately scaled IT systems for inventory management, ordering and scheduling; 2) Bringing processing experts from other regions to speak at MPPA meetings (relevant topics could include waste management, process flow, and human resource management); and 3) Development of a basic MPPA website with listserv capabilities to enhance communication and information sharing among members.

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Total Match provided by VSJF —\$7,500.00



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