

# FRANKLIN COUNTY CDC

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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### Quabbin Inc. - a North Quabbin Success Story



Quabbin Inc. is a diversified manufacturing and machine shop located in Orange, MA. The company is owned by two brothers, Mark and Thomas LeBoeuf - local, young, and very motivated entrepreneurs. In late 2008 the Franklin County CDC began our working relationship with Quabbin, Inc. by providing the gap financing to help expand their business into a larger space. Our funding enabled them to leverage the majority of their financing from Greenfield Savings Bank and another non-traditional

funder, New England Business Certified. Their new building is located in the Orange Industrial Park and after their own expansion they were able to rent out office, manufacturing as well as warehouse space to other aspiring entrepreneurs. Quabbin, Inc. has already created four new jobs and plan on creating two more in the upcoming year. With assistance from the CDC and others, a positive ripple effect was created in the North Quabbin area.

Recently Mark and Thomas LeBoeuf undertook a large renewable energy project with the installation of approximately 1,050, 220 kWh Photovoltaic panels on the roof of their 30,000 square foot machine shop. The project was partially subsidized through incentives for renewable energy, and has become the second largest commercial photovoltaic installation in the state. The installation will save Quabbin, Inc. a considerable amount of money on their electricity expenses. They had been spending close to \$10,000 every month on their electricity and after the panels have been installed they expect to save up to 40% which is equivalent to nearly \$4,000 every month, impressively, enough to fund someone's salary.



Quabbin, Inc. is different than most machine shops in that they create some of their own products. The business constructs Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) police equipment which is used by the Massachusetts State bomb squad to move things like pipe bombs and other explosives. Another feature that makes this company unique is the reseating of valves. These reseated units can be found on every U.S. Navel ship. Their impact can be seen globally as our navel ships travel the world as well as locally in their promotion of green energy and creating local jobs.

The LeBoeuf brothers make it a point to donate to several local causes like the veterans memorial in Orange as well as donating to help the local high school purchase rings for all of the Mahar football players after they won the championship. To find out more about this great company please visit their website [www.quabbininc.com](http://www.quabbininc.com)