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**MASSECON ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF NINTH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS**

*IPG Photonic, Vecna Technologies, Savage Arms, Acme Packet and Sysco Boston are among winners that are adding jobs and investment from each region of state*

**Watertown, Massachusetts, October 10, 2012** – [MassEcon](#) (The Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development) today announced its [Ninth Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award](#) winners in preparation for its November 20<sup>th</sup> Awards Luncheon, which will take place at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Companies from across the Commonwealth will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. Over 400 are expected to attend, including featured speaker Governor Deval Patrick.

The winning companies (listed below) were selected after site visits and a reception with their competitors and judges at an afternoon event at the UMass Club with featured guest, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, [Greg Bialecki](#). The reception enabled senior executives from the companies to present their attributes in the categories of job growth, facility expansion, investment, and community involvement since January 1, 2011. Finalists competed on a regional basis, defined as West, Central, Southeast, Northeast, and Greater Boston.

"The key to our economic recovery is innovation, and these Team Massachusetts Impact Award winners exemplify that innovative spirit," said Greg Bialecki, the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development. "Continuing to support and grow the innovation economy is one of the central goals of the Patrick-Murray Administration's economic development plan, and we look forward to seeing these companies continue to grow in the future."

"MassEcon is proud to celebrate these companies for staying and growing here. We appreciate the commitment and investment these companies have made in Massachusetts. It's especially gratifying to see growth occurring in all regions of the state, stated Susan Houston, Executive Director of [MassEcon](#).

**NINTH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD WINNERS**

**Central**

*Gold:* IPG Photonics – Oxford  
*Silver:* Quiet Logistics – Devens  
*Bronze:* Classic Envelope – Douglas

**Greater Boston**

*Gold:* Vecna Technologies – Cambridge  
*Silver:* Pegasystems – Cambridge  
*Bronze:* Brightcove – Boston

**West**

*Gold:* Savage Arms – Westfield  
*Silver:* Polymer Corp – Palmer  
*Bronze:* Thing5 – Springfield

**Northeast**

*Gold:* Acme Packet - Bedford  
*Silver:* Thermo Fisher Scientific - Tewksbury  
*Bronze:* Cabot Corp – Haverhill

**Southeast**

*Gold:* Sysco Boston – Plympton  
*Silver:* Cheer Pack – W. Bridgewater  
*Bronze:* Lacerta Group – Mansfield

**Rising Stars**

Aquabotix – Fall River  
Boston Heart Diagnostics – Framingham  
Pharmalucence - Billerica

Lead sponsors of the event include WPI, Citizens Bank, Cutler Associates, NAI Hunneman, Richards Barry Joyce & Partners, and MassDevelopment.

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**About MassEcon**

MassEcon, founded in 1993, is a non-profit partnership of the private and public sectors dedicated to marketing Massachusetts as a competitive location for business. Its services include the state's only *Site Finder Service*, which helps expanding and relocating companies find appropriate sites throughout the Commonwealth; the *Research & Information Service*, which provides companies with the information they need to evaluate the Commonwealth as a location to grow; and the *Massachusetts Ambassadors*, a network of civic and corporate leaders who help market Massachusetts as a place to do business. Through these channels, and in conjunction with state, regional, and local partners, MassEcon has helped facilitate the location of over 250 companies including Bristol-Myers Squibb, Straumann USA, Merck, and American Superconductor.

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