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Ambassador A-List New Products & Funding

Expanding in Massachusetts

Southborough-based **Protonex Technology Corp.** has been awarded a **\$400,000** contract from the U.S. Army Research Office to further develop its solid oxide fuel cell power systems. Protonex makes fuel cell power systems for portable, remote and mobile applications.

Nokia Inc. has signed a five-year lease for **19,437 SF** in at the Park Square Building in **Boston's** Back Bay neighborhood. The Nokia lease increases the mobile advertising firm's presence in the building to **29,018 SF**.

Raytheon Co. and **The Boeing Co.** have won a **\$125 million** U.S. Army contract to develop prototype air-to-ground missiles. The 27-month contract calls for **Waltham**-based Raytheon and Chicago-based Boeing to develop and fire three prototype missiles as a part of the Joint Air-to-Ground Missile program. The missiles will be designed for helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft as well as unmanned air drones. **Raytheon Co.** has also won a contract worth up to **\$679 million** to upgrade radar systems at military and civilian airfields around the world.

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics has opened its expanded manufacturing facility in **Walpole**. The **\$100 million, 115,000 SF** addition more than doubles the company's production capacity and expects to add **70 jobs**. Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics develops medical testing products for the diagnosis, monitoring and management of disease.

Stem cell biotech **Advanced Cell Technology Inc.** has received **\$250,000** in advanced funding from an Irish institutional investor. The Worcester- based company plans to use the money for working capital while it seeks partners for advanced clinical programs.

Verizon Wireless has activated a new cell site that increases high-speed wireless data coverage for local residents in **Middlesex County**. In a continuing effort to provide the best wireless service, the new site increases capacity along Beacon Street in the Waban section of Newton, Massachusetts, as well as the surrounding area. Regionally, the company has invested over **\$2.2 billion** into its New England network, including over \$100 million during the first six months of 2008.

Cambridge-based **T2 Biosystems Inc.** has secured **\$10.8 million** in a second round of venture financing. T2 is a medical diagnostics company that is developing portable diagnostics products that combine miniature MRI technology with nanotechnology.

New Balance Athletic Shoe Inc. opened a new **3,000 SF** research and development facility in **Lawrence**. The Brighton-based sneaker maker's Sports Research lab includes a 120-foot running track and a "smash lab" that is filled with biomechanics technology. This technology will be used to measure runner and sneaker performance.

iRobot Corp. has received a **\$2.1 million** order from the U.S. Army for spare parts and repairs for its PackBot line of robots. The PackBot is a rugged military robot designed to complete a range of missions from explosives detection to surveillance.

Bedford-based iRobot has delivered more than 1,900 PackBots to the Army for use in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Genzyme Corp announced the opening of its new LEED-certified science center in **Framingham**. The **\$125 million, 180,000 SF** facility can house **350 employees** in a building intended for the early-stage research of cancer and heart diseases. The building is one of 10 laboratories in the U.S. to achieve gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Green Building Rating System.

Ambassadors @ Work

The **Massachusetts Business Resource Team** hosted the First Inaugural *"It's All Here" Doing Business in Massachusetts Day!* on October 14 at the State House. Established as a business appreciation day for Massachusetts-based businesses, the exhibition featured a wide variety of companies and provided an excellent networking opportunity with companies such as **Organogenesis**, **Yankee Candles**, and **Schott Solar** taking part. Also recognizing the achievements of Massachusetts companies is the **Fifth Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon**, with companies including **The Kraft Group**, **Shire Pharmaceuticals**, **Aspect Software** and others from across the state being honored for their investment in Massachusetts. For more information, [click here](#).

Massachusetts Nobel Prize Winner

Osamu Shimomura, a **Boston University School of Medicine** adjunct professor and a senior scientist emeritus at the Marine Biological Laboratory in **Woods Hole**, was one of three winners of this year's chemistry Nobel Prize. The other winners were Martin Chalfie of Columbia University and Roger Y. Tsien of the University of California, San Diego, all recognized for pioneering cellular research techniques that use the proteins Shimomura identified. The prize honors Professor Shimomura for discovering green fluorescent protein, or GFP, which allows researchers to develop methods for observing the behavior of proteins in living cells.

Massachusetts Employment

The Massachusetts unemployment rate remains nearly a full percentage point below the national rate, which was unchanged at 6.1 percent in September. The Massachusetts rate has been below the national average each month since June 2007. Some industry sectors have increased their workforce in the past month including the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities; Information; and Government sectors. To read the full story [click here](#).

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