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Ambassador A-List New Products & Funding

Lilliputian Systems Inc., a **Wilmington**-based company that has been developing tiny fuel cells aimed at powering small consumer devices, has secured **\$25 million** in new funding from new and existing investors. Lilliputian's technology revolves around the creation of long-lasting power storage for personal electronics, such as cell phones and laptops.

Noresco is one of 16 companies to be awarded Army Corps of Engineers contracts for energy-saving infrastructure projects. Based in **Westborough**, Noresco is a designer and builder of energy efficiency projects that has worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for over 10 years. In all, the contract to the 16 companies is worth **\$900 million**.

Raytheon Co. has received a **\$27 million** contract for engineering services for the Patriot Air and Missile Defense System. Located in **Waltham**, Raytheon will provide these services to the U.S. Army and 11 foreign militaries using the Patriot system. In 2008, Raytheon generated sales of \$23.2 billion in supplying weapons systems and services to the U.S. and foreign militaries.

Watertown-based **A123 Systems** will manufacture the batteries for five plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles to be sold by **Chrysler**. The first of these vehicles is slated to be available in 2010. A123 Systems makes lithium-ion batteries with a chemistry that it says is safer, more powerful, and longer lasting than the lithium-ion batteries now used in portable electronics and some electric cars.

Dynamics Research Corp (DRC) is currently part of a **\$50 billion** federal contract to provide services including consulting and information technology to various government agencies. Under this new contract, DRC could possibly hire anywhere between **20 and 200 new employees** in the **Andover** area, where their company is located.

Expanding in Massachusetts

Image Diagnostics is expanding and relocating its headquarters from a facility in Sterling, Mass., to a **38,000 SF** building in **Fitchburg**. MassDevelopment granted the medical-device firm \$1.5 million in a tax-exempt bond to help it renovate the facility, move its operations and acquire new equipment.

Cernet Education Science & Technology Research Development Co purchased property in **Marlborough** for **\$9.06 million** this past month. Based in China, Cernet plans to use the property to house preparatory students from China to prepare them for U.S. universities. The property is a **237,000 SF** building that already has classrooms and overnight accommodations for more than 200 people.

EMD Serono, a pharmaceutical company that focuses on neurodegenerative diseases including multiple sclerosis, has recently announced that it will open a site in **Cambridge**. The laboratory space in Cambridge will accommodate its drug discovery activities and will secure necessary space for additional scientists as a result of accelerated employee growth. The Cambridge satellite laboratory will be approximately **18,000 SF** in size and will be occupied by an estimate of **50 scientists**.

Acceleron Pharma has signed a lease on a third facility in Cambridge, further expanding its laboratory and office space by an additional **19,700 SF**. Headquartered in Cambridge, Acceleron is a privately held biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, manufacturing, and commercializing biotherapeutics that modulate the growth of bone, muscle, red blood cells, fat, and the vasculature to treat musculoskeletal, metabolic, and cancer-related diseases.

Ambassadors @ Work

The **Massachusetts Office of Business Development**, **MassEcon**, and **Choose Worcester** joined forces to showcase the Commonwealth at the **Bio Medical Device** show in Boston. On the road, Massachusetts was represented as part of Team New England at the **CoreNet Global Real Estate Summit** held in Dallas. **Choose Worcester**, **MassEcon**, and the **Massachusetts Office of Business Development** were all present marketing the assets of Massachusetts to real estate decision-makers and location advisors from around the country. **Team New England**, which is sponsored by **Northeast Utilities**, hosted a reception as well as a booth on the tradeshow floor that drew executives from companies including **Mohr Partners**, **McKesson Corporation**, **Jones Lang LaSalle**, **Hackman Capital Partners**, **International Risk Group**, **Atlas Insight**, **Wadley- Donovan-Gutshaw**, and **People Cube**.

Massachusetts Green Communities

The Bay state has launched the *Green Communities Program*, a new program designed to help communities save money on energy as well as leverage federal stimulus funds for clean-energy projects. As a part of the Massachusetts Recovery Plan, the Green Communities Program provides communities with information about making the most of these energy investment funds. The program offers grants and loans to municipalities to facilitate purchasing fuel-efficient municipal vehicles and adopt bylaws and regulations that will expedite the siting and permitting of renewable energy facilities. For more information [click here](#)

BioReady Communities

The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MBC) and MassEcon have designated 44 Massachusetts communities as BioReady™ according to a new ratings system rolled out at a ceremony last week. The system—which ranks communities that meet levels of criteria as bronze, silver, gold or platinum—will help Massachusetts cities and towns market themselves to biotechnology companies looking to expand or relocate. As part of the Campaign, the MBC Economic Development Advisory Group developed the criteria to both guide communities in their pursuit of biotech facility opportunities and rate them for BioReadiness™ in order to provide each with a tangible marketing tool. For more information and to view full ratings and criteria, [click here](#)

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