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## Ambassador A-List New Products & Funding

**BillERICA**-based **American Science and Engineering Inc.** has received a **\$2.2 million** order for multiple mobile surveillance vehicles from an undisclosed Middle Eastern law enforcement agency.

**Ze-gen Inc.** of **Boston** has raised **\$20 million** in Series B financing. Ze-gen, Inc. is a renewable energy company focused on the development of advanced gasification technology for converting wood debris and other solid waste streams into a synthesis gas, or syngas, a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen gas.

**Westborough**-based lithium-ion battery maker **Boston-Power Inc.** has brought in **\$55 million** in new venture funding. The new financing would fund growth in manufacturing, sales, marketing and R&D. Boston-Power has developed lithium-ion batteries that are more dependable, longer lasting and more environmentally friendly than others.

**Raytheon** has won a **\$246 million** contract to provide spare parts and related service for Patriot missile systems owned by the United Arab Emirates. Work will be performed by Raytheon's Integrated Defense Systems unit headquartered in **Tewksbury**. Additional sites working under the contract include **Andover**, **Sudbury** and **Portsmouth, R.I.**

## Expanding in Massachusetts

The technology company **Curtiss-Wright Controls Inc.** signed a lease for **63,710 SF** in **Littleton**. With the new lease, the company is expanding by **6,000 SF**.

**The Kowa Co. Ltd.**, a Japanese pharmaceutical company, just signed a **24,400 SF** lease with the Center for Life Science in Boston. The Kowa Co. Ltd., one of the largest privately owned companies in Japan, will move into the 17th floor of the office and lab building. The 700,000 SF Center for Life Science is based in Boston's Longwood Medical area.

**FactSet Research Systems Inc.** is leasing **36,119 SF** at 53 State Street, **Boston**. The financial information and analysis company will be moving from their current location on 1 Federal Street.

**U.S. Genomics** renewed its lease for nearly **40,000 SF** of office and lab space in **Woburn**. **U.S. Genomics** is a biotech company developing single-molecule biology technologies for diagnostics and bio-defense applications.

## Ambassadors @ Work

**Governor Deval Patrick** travelled to the west coast next to meet with company leaders from the technology industry to encourage them to expand here and to ask companies with offices in Massachusetts to maintain the 10,000 to 15,000 jobs already in the state. During a four-day trip to Washington state, Oregon and northern California, the Governor, newly-appointed **Secretary Greg Bialecki**, and other officials met with executives from **Microsoft Corp.**, **Cisco Systems Inc.**, **Google Inc.** and **Facebook** to thank them for their business and encourage them and other information technology, communications, life sciences and clean-energy companies to locate in the Bay State.

## Virgin America to Launch Service to Boston

**Virgin America** has begun service to **Boston's Logan International Airport (BOS)**. Based in California, Virgin America services will include flights from San Francisco International Airport to BOS with two daily roundtrips and from Los Angeles International Airport to BOS with three roundtrips. Boston will be the eighth city in the airline's continuously growing network.

## Federal Stimulus in Massachusetts

In December 2008, Governor Patrick established ten task forces to begin the work of mobilizing the Commonwealth for the potential receipt of hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government for "shovel-ready" infrastructure projects. The findings and recommendations of the Task Forces have been submitted to the Governor's office and are set to be evaluated. The full list of reports can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

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