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## Expanding in MA

**Technology Sale Leads (TSL)** is more than doubling the size of its corporate headquarters with a move from Boston to **Quincy**. TSL was represented by CresaPartners in the 5,520 SF, six-year lease. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Marblehead**-based life science services company, **United States Biological Corporation**, plans to purchase a site in the Salem Industrial Park and build an **81,000 SF** manufacturing/office facility. The new site, financed with the help of a **\$2.3M MassDevelopment bond**, will serve as the company's headquarters and is expected to **create five new jobs**. Click [here](#) to read more.

Massachusetts has given approval for a biomanufacturing plant in **Fall River** that is expected to **create 8,000 new jobs**. The planned **\$23M, 22,000 SF** facility will house early-stage life sciences companies run in conjunction with **UMass Dartmouth**. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Westminster**-based **Ranor Inc.** has purchased a **125,000 SF** manufacturing facility for **\$4.3M** and plans to **hire 30 new employees**. The transaction is part of a larger project, partly funded from a tax-exempt federal bond, which includes an **18,000 SF** expansion and the purchasing of new equipment. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Heartland Robotics**, an industrial robot developer, is tripling its space to **18,400 SF** in a move to **Boston's Innovation District**. The company of nearly 30 employees is developing a robot designed to work with humans in a manufacturing setting. Click [here](#) to read more.

Good news is predicted in the Berkshires for **General Dynamics**, as the company has plans to **create up to 500 jobs** in **Pittsfield** as a result of receiving a federal contract to build Littoral Combat Ships. General Dynamics, a global defense industry contractor is one of the Berkshires' biggest employers. Click [here](#) to read more.

## Ambassador A-List, New Products & Funding

Startup **Civitas Therapeutics Inc.** has opened in **Chelsea** with **\$20M** in Series A funding. The funds will be used to move forward an inhaled drug for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, designed to help patients through a particularly intense episode. Civitas is launching with three employees but expects to be near 20 by the end of the year. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Cambridge**-based **iWalk Inc.** raised an additional **\$15M** in third round funding. The company is in the process of developing a battery-powered robotic prosthetic called **PowerFoot**. iWalk has raised a total of **\$40M** since its founding by a MIT professor. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Qteros**, a biofuel-development startup based in **Marlborough**, announced a strategic partnership with an **Indian** company to help globally expand Qteros' ethanol-production technology. The company has developed a new way of producing ethanol and is pushing for owners of ethanol production manufacturing plants to integrate its new technology. Qteros also announced **\$22M** in new venture capital financing. Click [here](#) to read more.

**American Science and Engineering Inc.**, a **Billerica**-based company that specializes in detection technologies that can uncover dangerous and elusive threats, has won a **\$14M** contract from the **U.S. Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate's CanScan Program**. The funding will allow AS&E to develop a non-intrusive inspection system for air cargo. Click [here](#) to read more.

**Cambridge**-based **Satori Pharmaceuticals**, a biotechnology company targeting neurodegenerative diseases, raised **\$7M** in new funding. The company, which raised **\$22M** in 2009, has a goal of **\$14M** more in fundraising. The funds will help Satori's current work combating Alzheimer's disease. Click [here](#) to read more.

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**MassChallenge**, the world's largest startup competition, based in the Innovation District of Boston, was recognized by the White House as one of the most promising initiatives in the country for supporting entrepreneurs. MassChallenge was also selected to participate in the **Startup America Partnership**, a public/private effort to increase the number of new high-growth firms that are creating economic growth, innovation, and quality jobs. Click [here](#) to read more.

Cambridge-based **Addgene**, a non-profit organization dedicated to making it easier for scientists to share plasmids, **awarded several research laboratories with grants** as part of its **Innovation Awards Program**. The winning laboratories were recognized for using plasmids from Addgene's collection in creative ways to advance their research. Click [here](#) to read more.

Business recruitment representatives from **MassEcon**, the **Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts**, and **Western Massachusetts Electric Company (Northeast Utilities)** traveled to San Francisco during the week of January 24th to meet with photonics companies attending **SPIE Photonics West** trade show and conference at the Moscone Center. The business recruitment team met with 15-20 growth companies to highlight the resources and workforce that Western Massachusetts has to offer. Click [here](#) to read more.

As part of its efforts to promote job growth and long-term economic recovery, the Patrick-Murray Administration announced that **Betsy Wall**, **Ted Carr**, and **Kofi Jones** will lead the newly formed **Massachusetts Marketing Partnership (MMP)**, a statewide entity created through the Economic Development Bill of 2010. MassEcon has a seat on the Partnership Board along with Massport, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, and others. Click [here](#) to read more.



## Massachusetts Tops State Technology & Science Index

Massachusetts once again ranked #1 in the [Milken Institute's State Tech and Science Index](#), which seeks to gauge a state's research-and-development capabilities. Massachusetts edged-out second place Maryland in all three Index components: R&D inputs, risk capital and entrepreneurial infrastructure, and technology and science workforce. The Milken Institute praised Massachusetts by stating, "**Massachusetts is a breeding ground of research with world-renowned universities and cutting-edge firms fueling its economy.**" Click [here](#) to read more.



## MA Students Rank in National Science Exam

Massachusetts fourth-graders tied for first place in science, and eighth-graders tied for second on the 2009 National Assessment of Educational Progress, or NAEP, exam. The exam assessed random samples of fourth-and eighth-graders across the country. Massachusetts students scored above the national average (140) with mean scores of 160. Governor Deval Patrick stated, "These results continue our record of nation-leading student achievement here in Massachusetts. Our future success as a Commonwealth is directly tied to our ability to provide our students with a quality education, and today's results confirm that high expectations and hard work are paying off." Click [here](#) to read more.



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