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Expanding in Massachusetts

Shire, the U.K.-based biopharmaceutical firm, announced the **\$165M purchase of a 435,000SF corporate campus in Lexington**. The campus will become the new global center for the firm's Human Genetics Therapies business. Click [here](#) to read more.

The Paris-based drug maker **Sanofi-Aventis** is planning a **\$65M expansion in Cambridge**. The expansion is expected to create about **300 jobs**. Click [here](#) to read more

SensAble Technologies, a developer of 3D touch-enabled technology, is relocating from Woburn to a **new corporate headquarters in Wilmington**. Richards Barry Joyce & Partners LLC brokered the new **28,000SF** lease. Click [here](#) to read more.

Cambridge-based **Genyzme** envisions a near **doubling of its office building in Framingham**. The **expansion of nearly 757,000SF** will be constructed over the next decade. The expansion should create hundreds of new jobs, especially within manufacturing positions. Click [here](#) to read more.

A123 Systems, the Watertown-based lithium ion battery manufacturer is **expanding to 155 Flanders Rd. in Westborough**. The expansion will give A123 **67,000SF** of industrial space. Click [here](#) to read more.

Netezza Corp., a data warehouse company, has renewed and expanded its **lease to 88,272SF at 26 Forest St. in Marlborough**. The expansion gives Netezza full occupancy of the building. Click [here](#) to read more.

Ambassador A-List, New Products & Funding

Massachusetts cleantech companies received **\$124M in VC investments** in the second quarter. Among the deals announced was **Boston-Power Inc.**, a Westborough-based lithium ion battery maker which will be **receiving \$60M**. Click [here](#) to read more.

MassDevelopment has provided **\$11.5M in financing to Lynn Community Health, Inc.**, one of the North Shore's largest out-patient health services. The financing will support the construction of a **29,000SF** ambulatory care facility **creating additional space and more than 100 construction and permanent health care jobs**. Click [here](#) to read more.

Vivox, a venture-backed company in Natick, MA **received \$2M from NBC venture arm Peacock Equity**. Vivox CEO, Rob Seaver, said the financing is an excellent opportunity to bring in significant benefits to the company. Click [here](#) to read more.

DOE's Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) recently **funded a total of \$7.4M** to support energy research projects for two Bay state companies and MIT. Tyngsborough-based **Beacon Power Corp.** will **receive \$2.2M**, Newton-based **General Compression Inc.** will **receive \$750,000**, and **MIT will receive \$4.4M**. Click [here](#) to read more.

Boston-based Gazelle, the nation's largest reCommerce service, announced that Physic Ventures is leading its **\$12M series C round of investment**. Gazelle's current investors, Venrock Associates and RockPort Capital, also announced their additional investment and participation in this round of financing. Click [here](#) to read more.

Ambassadors @ Work

On **July 22, 2010** the **MassChallenge** announced the **110 finalists** in the world's largest global business startup competition. The competition, which started in April 2010, serves as an opportunity for budding entrepreneurs to transform their great ideas into great companies. The 110 finalists have three months left in the competition, with the 10 - 20 winners being announced in October 2010. The winners will receive cash awards of 50,000 to 100,000 dollars to launch their business. To take a glimpse of the 110 finalists business ideas click [here](#).

On **July 27th**, the **Massachusetts Executive Offices of Housing and Economic Development and Energy and Environmental Affairs** hosted an event at the Massachusetts State House Grand Staircase to celebrate the state and local streamlining permitting achievements of the past four years. **MassDevelopment, the Massachusetts Office of Business Development, and MassEcon** were also in attendance to talk to event participants about the services and programs they provide to Massachusetts communities and businesses. **EMD Serono Director Anthony Meenaghan** gave a testimony at this event of how the **43D Program** helped his company.



International Trade & Stimulating the Massachusetts Economy

The **Massachusetts Technology Collaborative** released a comprehensive strategy with a clear blueprint for creating new jobs and stimulating economic growth in Massachusetts through increased international trade and investment. The report examines improving export sales, investment and global relationships. Key countries of interest are China, Brazil, Canada, India, Israel, Japan, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Singapore. The report also examines ways to use federal resources in order to influence policy, such as revising immigration policy to allow foreign students easier access to residency and citizenship. Click [here](#) to read more.

Massachusetts Employers More Confident with Business Environment

The **Associated Industries of Massachusetts Business Confidence Index** rose 2.2 points in June to 53.7, showing that employers are growing more optimistic with current business conditions. The rising confidence among employers confirms Massachusetts's reputation as a hub of innovative ideas that can prevail in difficult economic periods. Click [here](#) to read more.

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