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**MASSECON ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR ITS
SIXTH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS**
Selection Process Underway

WELLESLEY, Massachusetts, September 23, 2009 –After hearing one-minute pitches from more than 20 companies from every region in the state, the Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development (MassEcon) is in the process of selecting the winners for the *Sixth Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards*. The awards celebrate companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the Massachusetts economy. University of Massachusetts President Jack Wilson and Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki were among the guests invited to hear the finalists’ presentations. The winners from each region will be announced in October and there will be an awards luncheon on November 24 in Boston.

The finalist companies include a range of sizes and industries, from medical services, software, consumer products, and manufacturing to biotechnology and pharmaceutical firms. MassEcon selected the finalists based on their job growth, facility expansion, and investment since January 1, 2008, as well as other factors including community involvement.

The regional judging team leaders include Robert Culver, President and CEO of MassDevelopment; Michael DiGiano, Executive Vice President of NAI Hunneman Commercial; Rick Murphy, Senior Vice President, National Grid; Robert Brustlin, President and CEO of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.; and Jerry Sargent, Executive Vice President of Citizens Bank and MassEcon Chair.

“Each year we continue to hear great stories about companies overcoming vast obstacles to expand, even in the current economic conditions”, said Sargent. “We’re impressed by the decision of these businesses to invest and expand in Massachusetts.”

“At times such as these, it is easy to overlook the good economic news,” Susan Houston, Executive Director, Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development concurred. “The awards event is the perfect way to reinforce the message that the Commonwealth is pushing forward and continues to be a great location to grow their businesses.”

The companies chosen as finalists come from each region of the state and are listed on the following page. For more information about the awards event or to register, go to www.massecon.com, e-mail rsvp@massecon.com or call at 781-489-6262 ext 14.

MassEcon is a private, non-profit partnership of business, industry leaders, and government dedicated to fostering economic growth in the Commonwealth.

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WEST

Baystate Medical Center, Springfield
LTI Smart Glass, Pittsfield
Interprint, Pittsfield

CENTRAL

Brookfield Renewable Power, Marlborough
Boston-Power, Westborough
Hanover Theatre, Worcester
IBM, Littleton/ Westford
Unum, Worcester

GREATER BOSTON

AstraZeneca, Waltham
Beth Israel Medical Deaconess Center, Needham
Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Lexington
AMAG Pharmaceuticals, Lexington
RainDance Technologies, Lexington
Zipcar, Cambridge

NORTHEAST

EMD Serono, Billerica
Kadient, Lowell
Starent Networks, Tewksbury
Nexamp, North Andover
Reveal Imaging Technologies, Bedford

SOUTHEAST

Elite Envelope, Randolph
Konarka, Lowell
Medline, Mansfield
Tegra Medical, Franklin