



MassEcon Developments

News for Members

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MassEcon News



Best Wishes to our Members for the New Year!

Annual Meeting...

At this year's Annual Meeting, [Taidgh McClory](#), CBRE | New England Senior Vice President/Partner of Strategic Planning & Brokerage Operations, was elected to the MassEcon Board of Directors. See [photos](#) from the event and read the [Year End Report](#), along with an event [press release](#). You can also find the 2016 MassEcon Calendar [here](#).

...And Holiday Lunch

Following the Annual Meeting, Marty Meehan, President of UMass, delivered [keynote remarks](#) at the MassEcon Holiday Lunch.

View photos from the Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch [here](#).

ICYMI: Check out a recap of the 12th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards, featuring photos, program book, blog, and the official press release [here](#). Videos to come soon!

Upcoming Events

Members Meeting

Alan Clayton-Matthews will be delivering the state's economic outlook for the year ahead.

When: Friday, January 22, 8:00 a.m.

- 8:00-8:30 Registration and Networking
- 8:30-9:30 Speaker and Q&A
- 9:30-10 Members Business Meeting

Where: 200 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, MA

To RSVP, please email [Annie](#)

Farewell and Salute to David Tibbetts

Long-standing supporter and board member, David Tibbetts, will be retiring at year-end. David was an early advocate of MassEcon's work since his days as Secretary of Economic Affairs, and this support continued as he assumed the leadership of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council. MassEcon was fortunate to have David serve on our board and executive committee. David always brought wit, intelligence, and dedication to these roles. MassEcon will miss him!



Marty Meehan, UMass President, delivers keynote remarks at MassEcon Holiday Lunch



Sasaki Associates at MassEcon Annual Holiday Lunch



Thank you to Sasaki Associates for sponsoring the Holiday Lunch at the UMass Club



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2016 Calendar Highlights

Friday, January 22, 2016

Members Meeting

Featured Speaker: Alan Clayton-Matthews

Thursday, February 4, 2016

Board Meeting

Friday, March 18, 2016

Members Meeting

Featured Speaker: Travis McCready

Thursday, April 7, 2016

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Corporate Welcome Reception

Friday, May 13, 2016

Members Meeting

Thursday, June 2, 2016

Board Meeting

Friday, June 3, 2016

Annual Conference

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Summer Reception

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

Team MA Economic Impact Awards Finalists Reception

Friday, September 23, 2016

Members Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2016

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Team MA Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

Member News

Suffolk Construction CEO John Fish was named Chairman of the Boston Fed Board. Congratulations! Read more [here](#).

Paul Matthews, Executive Director of the **495/MetroWest Partnership**, wrote an article "[Fixing Our Transportation System Is Important for the Entire Commonwealth: A View from 495/MetroWest](#)" featured in the latest issue of *MassBenchmarks*. You can also read this [recent report](#) from the 495/MetroWest Partnership which highlights the region's demographic data.

Please send Member News to [Annie](#).

Projects

#2704

MA Office of International Trade & Investment (MOITI), MassEcon, and three MassEcon members recently met with executives of a Turkish aluminum-profile company seeking to establish a distribution presence in Massachusetts. The company plans to lease a 40,000 SF building in Greater Boston and will employ up to 50 people over the next five years. **Update: Success! ERD Metals has decided to locate in Avon and they are in the process of environmental due diligence of the closing phase. Thank you to Wyman Street Advisors, Insuperity, and Coldwell Banker Relocation for working on this successful project.**

#2740

MassEcon was contacted by a Dallas-based real estate firm representing a wireless company interested in evaluating locations in the Northeast for an inbound customer service contact center. They will need 50,000-70,000 SF of office space for 500-600 employees. Springfield, New Bedford/Fall River, and Worcester/Fitchburg/Leominster are markets they have identified to research. **Update: The site location consultant has decided to focus on Allentown, PA and Fredericksburg, VA as the wages were most competitive in these markets.**

#2742

MassEcon is working with a UK contract packaging company for the pharmaceutical industry. They are considering the Great Boston area, and other US locations, for a packaging facility. They will need to lease 10,000-20,000 SF of GMP (manufacturing) space and will add up to 20 new jobs. MassEcon member Newmark Grubb Knight Frank will be assisting the team.

Please contact [Doug](#) for more information.

Staff in Action

In addition to wrapping up year-end operations and planning for the new year, **Susan Houston's** December included co-hosting a meeting with VHB for Chairman Joe Wagner and his staff for a wide-ranging discussion of economic development issues; participating in the final meeting of the state's Economic Development Council whose plan will be signed by the Governor this month; and participating in the kick-off meeting of Massport's Business Advisory Council.

Doug Kehlhem recently started the month of December with a Marlborough EDC Board meeting at the Yawkey Sports Center. Doug planned the Location Support and ReadyMass 100 evaluation meeting at Dacon in Natick, and attended the CBRE Client Reception in Boston, 495/MetroWest Partnership Annual Meeting in Bolton, and EDC of Western MA Brokers Meeting in Springfield.

Thursday, December 15, 2016
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

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Annie O'Connell has been busy wrapping up communications efforts around the Economic Impact Awards and Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch. She also assisted Doug updating ReadyMass 100 success stories.

Madison Dinndorf deserves MassEcon's thanks as she wraps up her fall internship. She will finish her final semester at BU with a concentration in Marketing & Entrepreneurship. This girl won't be on the job hunt for long, so contact her immediately with opportunities! Madison's internship highlight was experiencing the beauty of WPI for the first time with her fellow newcomer, Annie.

Madison passing the torch to incoming
Northeastern co-op Joy Shen



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