

MassEcon Developments

News for Members

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MassEcon News

Members Marketing Roundtable

Connelly Partners will be hosting the next Members Roundtable on B2B marketing in early 2015. We are still formulating the agenda and would appreciate hearing from you on what marketing topics you're interested in learning more about. Send your comments to [Annie](#).

Alan Clayton-Matthews Sharing 2015 Economic Forecast

The first Members Meeting of 2015 will feature Alan Clayton-Matthews delivering the state's economic outlook for the year ahead. The event will be taking place in Westborough on January 23 at 8:30 a.m. Save the date! More details to come.

Searching for the Next MassEcon Intern!

Do you know a college/graduate student looking for a versatile internship? MassEcon will have an available position from January through June 2015. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

MassEcon on the Road

MassEcon, MassDevelopment and the Marlborough EDC hosted a MA team dinner for several guests in conjunction with the CoreNet Global Summit held in Washington DC last month. The Bay State delegation, including members from Sasaki and Investment Consulting Associates, hosted national location advisors from Cushman & Wakefield Consulting in Chicago, Keyser in Phoenix and JM Zell.

Government Relations

Jay Ash is the first cabinet appointee named by governor-elect Charlie Baker. Ash, who is Chelsea's longest-serving chief executive, will lead the state's Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

When: Tuesday, November 25, 12 - 2PM

Where: Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel - 606 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210

[REGISTER](#)

Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

When: Tuesday, December 11

Members Meeting: 11:30AM - 12PM

Holiday Lunch with Laurie Leshin, WPI President: 12 Noon

Where:

UMass Club - 225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110

Laurie Leshin is the President of Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), where she is committed to elevating WPI's impact in communities worldwide. Leshin brings to WPI over 20 years of experience as a leader in academia and

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11:00 AM REGISTRATION + NETWORKING 12:00 NOON PROGRAM + LUNCH

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[Laurie Leshin, President of WPI](#)
Holiday Lunch Featured Speaker
Register [here](#) for the Holiday Lunch

2014-2015 Calendar Highlights

Tuesday, November 25, 2014
Economic Impact Awards

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

Featured Speaker: Laurie Leshin, WPI President

Friday, January 23, 2015
Members Meeting
Featured Speaker: Alan Clayton-Matthews

Thursday, February 5, 2015
Board Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2015
Members Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Corporate Welcome Reception

Friday, May 15, 2015
Members Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2015
Board Meeting

Friday, June 19 2015
Annual Conference
(Note New Date!)

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Summer Reception

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Team MA Economic Impact Awards
Finalists Reception

Friday, September 25, 2015
Members Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Board Meeting

government service, and an accomplished record as a space scientist. She combines a life-long love of learning and exploration with a strong track record of igniting action to advance critical institutions and programs.

Thank you to Suffolk Construction for sponsoring the 2014 Holiday Lunch!

REGISTER

Full time MA college students may apply [here](#) for scholarships to attend both of these programs free of charge.

Member News

Middlesex Savings Bank held its Annual Economic Breakfast bringing together 375 regional business owners to explore the Commonwealth's economic outlook, including how economic trends will affect Massachusetts businesses. Read more [here](#).

IBM hosted a night of exploration and innovation at the Museum of Science which focused on the role that technology and science play in the future growth of the nation. IBM also recently released its *Global Locations Trends 2014 Report* analyzing the latest trends in where companies locate their new operations around the world, and what drives these decisions. Click [here](#) to read the report.

Transwestern | RBJ recently released its [Fall 2014 report](#) indicating an increase in warehouse and factory demand in Boston.

DLA Piper added nine attorneys to its staff, bringing the total number of attorneys in the Boston office to 75. With the additional expertise, the firm is broadening its practice beyond real estate to include life sciences and intellectual property. Click [here](#) to read more.

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

Projects

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Project Kayak: MassEcon and MOBD have been working with a confidential Fortune 100 company seeking 80-100 acres to build a 750,000-1,000,000 SF distribution facility. The site must have good highway access and be shovel-ready so the company can start operations in September 2015. Sites within 1.5 hours of Boston are being considered.

Update: Success!

- Amazon will build a 328,000 SF distribution facility at 1000 Technology Center Drive in Stoughton. This will be a "pass-through" facility where goods from larger distribution hubs will be allocated among trucks for local delivery. Amazon will employ 125 full-time employees at this location.

- Amazon has also signed a letter of intent to build a 1 million SF fulfillment center in Fall River's 300-acre SouthCoast Life Sciences and Technology Park. One thousand jobs and hundreds of temporary and part-time positions will be created in Fall River. MassEcon introduced Amazon officials to both the Stoughton facility and the park in Fall River in 2012, during an initial site tour across Massachusetts.

#2673

MassEcon, MOBD, and MassDevelopment are working with a local start-up brewery that would like to lease or buy 10,000-

Tuesday, November 24, 2015
Team MA Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

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15,000 SF of industrial space and employ 10-20 people. The facility must have 20 foot clear ceilings or higher, minimum 400 amps electrical service, natural gas, water/sewer connection, and appropriate zoning for manufacturing, packaging, and retail sale of beer. Most distribution of beer will be off-site. The company's founder would prefer to locate the brewery within the Route 128 beltway, but site options west of Framingham will be considered.

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

Staff in Action

Susan Houston attended "Strengthening Our Global Ties" hosted by the Massachusetts Office of Trade & International Development to discuss ways in which increased global engagement helps the state's economy grow. Learn more about the event [here](#). Most recently, Susan attended NAIOP's Distinguished Real Estate Awards Gala which honored Skanska for its achievements in real estate, charitable activities, and community betterment.

Doug Kehlhem recently attended MassINC's second annual Gateway Cities Innovation Awards & Summit, the Business Coalition with Massport, and an MOBD briefing on EDIP changes.

Susan Houston and **Annie O'Connell** attended the MassChallenge Awards Event which honored 10 innovative startup companies with more than \$1.75 million in funding.

Annie O'Connell attended an event hosted by Bank of America on *21st Century Talent* which convened employers from a variety of industries to engage on ways to collectively strengthen talent pools, connect with workforce development organizations, and expand career opportunities for young people.



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