

MassEcon Developments

News for Members

September 2015

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Economic Impact Awards Updates

- Governor Charlie Baker will be the Featured Speaker at the Economic Impact Awards Luncheon on November 24.
- Over the past two months, the Economic Impact Awards judges have been actively on the road visiting the 20 finalist companies.
- The visits culminated at a Finalists Reception at which company execs delivered 1-minute pitches to an audience of over 100. Stay tuned for photos, videos, and the announcement of winners.
- Get involved in supporting economic growth in Massachusetts by sponsoring the 2015 Economic Impact Awards. Thank you to sponsors so far... **Citizens Bank, Transwestern | RBJ, WPI, VHB, Cutler Associates Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, CBRE, Santander, NAI Hunneman, MassDevelopment, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, MassBIO, Janitronics Building Services, Sasaki Associates, and Fidelity.** Add your company [here!](#)



Thank You to Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP for hosting the Economic Impact Awards Finalists Reception



2016 MassEcon Calendar Released

It's not too early to save the date and plan for exciting 2016 MassEcon events. Click [here](#) for the 2016 MassEcon calendar.

In the News

Five Central region companies were highlighted as finalists for the Economic Impact Awards in the *Worcester Business Journal*. Read more [here](#).

WBZ Radio featured a spotlight on the Economic Impact Awards Finalists through an interview with Susan Houston.

Upcoming Events

Members Meeting

Featured Speaker: Carol Gladstone, Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance

What: The Vision for Disposition: Turning State Surplus Property into Economic Development Assets

When: Friday, September 25

8 - 8:30 a.m.: Registration + Networking

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.: Speaker + Q&A

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.: Members Meeting

Where: 200 Friberg Parkway, Westborough

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Robotics Industry Roundtable at WPI

Moderator: Mike Gennert: Director of Robotics Engineering Program at WPI

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Thank you to Assistant Secretary of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship Katie Stebbins - Featured Guest at Finalists Reception



WPI

Thank you to WPI for hosting the Robotics Industry Roundtable on October 15



Commissioner of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance Carol Gladstone - Featured Guest Speaker for September Members Meeting



Holiday Lunch on December 10 at the UMass Club will feature UMass President Marty Meehan

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Panelists:

- Tye Brady: Chief Technologist of Amazon Robotics
- Dan Theobald: CTO and Co-Founder of Vecna
- Sam Straface: CEO of Medrobotics

When: Thursday, October 15

10-11:30 a.m.: Roundtable and Q&A
11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.: Lunch and Networking
12:30 - 1 p.m.: Tour of WPI's Robotics Facility

Where: Higgins House, WPI Campus, Worcester, MA
This event is first-come, first-served, and capped at 25
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Board Meeting

When: Thursday, October 1, 8 - 10 a.m.
Where: DLA Piper - 33 Arch St., Boston, MA 02110

Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

When: Tuesday, November 24, 11 - 2 p.m.
Where: Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel - 606 Congress St., Boston, MA 02210

Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

When: Thursday, December 10
Members Meeting: 11:30 a.m. - Noon
Holiday Lunch with Marty Meehan, UMass President: Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Where: UMass Club - Boston, MA
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Committee Meetings

Membership & Marketing Committee

October 7
MassEcon, 101 Walnut Street, Watertown
9 - 11 a.m.

Government Relations Committee

November 6
TD Bank, 200 State Street, 10th Floor, Boston
8 - 9:30 a.m.

Location Support Committee

December 3
Dacon, 16 Huron Drive, Natick
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Committees

To Join a Committee, please email [Annie](#)

Member News

Welcome new President and CEO of **Metrowest Chamber of Commerce**, Paul Joseph. Read more [here](#).

Shoe and athletic apparel company **New Balance** opened its new world headquarters in Allston-Brighton. Read more [here](#).

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage will be hosting a golf tournament in Stow on September 22 to benefit Lucy's Love which delivers comfort and quality of life to children with cancer through free integrative

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the Holiday Lunch



Doug Kehlhem with Doug Landry
of VHB and Brandon Pyers of
Ernst & Young at the CNR
Groundbreaking in Springfield



2015 Calendar Highlights

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Thursday, December 10, 2015
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch at UMass Club at 1 Beacon
Street in Boston
Featured Speaker: Marty Meehan, UMass President

therapies. Read more [here](#).

Fundraising was record breaking for **UMass** in FY2015, generating \$129.5 million in new gifts and commitments and \$98.6 million in cash gifts. Read more [here](#).

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

Projects

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Project Jupiter: MassEcon is assisting a NY-based location consulting firm representing a large financial services company seeking a new shared service/regional operation in Greater Boston. In an effort to narrow the list of communities, and to determine strength of communities based on skill sets, the consultant has asked MassEcon to arrange employer interviews. Interviews have been arranged with representatives from Fidelity, Liberty Mutual, TD Bank, Citizens Bank, Aerotek, and WinterWyman. Estimated employee count and facility size TBD. **Update: The location consultant recently requested more information from MassEcon relating to major corporate offices and amenities located in the 128 North and 495 North submarkets.**

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Project Azalea: MassEcon coordinated partners from MassBio, MLSC, and MOBD, who recently met with a Washington D.C. site location consultant representing a major biopharmaceutical company considering a 140,000 SF expansion in Massachusetts. This project represents a \$215 million investment and 320 new jobs. Major biotech hubs in the eastern U.S. are being considered. Thank you to MassEcon members Ernst & Young for assisting the team with a request for information, and Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP for hosting the meeting at its office in the Seaport District.

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Project Wildfox: MassEcon was contacted by an Indianapolis-based site location consultant representing a Rhode Island food and beverage company. The company is considering 50,000 - 100,000 SF buildings and 10-acre industrial parcels within a 45 mile radius of Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Connecticut and Rhode Island are also being considered.

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

Staff in Action

Susan Houston, after a week vacationing in the Adirondacks and Berkshires, got back to business working with the Location Support, Program Committee, and Government Relations Committee to prepare MassEcon for the fall. She was appointed by the Governor to the state's Economic Development Council whose work will commence in October. Susan continues to be actively involved in steering the UMass Donahue Institute location intelligence study to be released by MassEcon in early 2016.

Doug Kehlhem has been working on several code named projects from site location consultants including Project Azalea, Project Wildfox, Project Diamond, and Project Jupiter. Doug recently attended the CNR Changchun Railway Vehicles groundbreaking ceremony in Springfield (a project MassEcon helped facilitate), and he participated in an economic

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development strategic planning focus group in Haverhill for the Haverhill Foundation.

Annie O'Connell attended the MEDC Annual Meeting on technology, automation, and robots in Wareham, and has been busy preparing for all of MassEcon's upcoming events in 2015.

Madison Dinndorf, a senior at Boston University, is the new fall intern at MassEcon. She will be working on event planning and execution, as well as helping to manage MassEcon's communication channels.



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