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**MASSECON ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR ITS TENTH ANNUAL  
TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS**

*Finalists selected based on job growth, investment, and facility expansion*

**WATERTOWN, Massachusetts – August 26, 2013 –**

Twenty-three companies from across the state have been selected as finalists for the *2013 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards*, awarded annually by MassEcon. These finalists, representing companies from the Merrimack Valley to the Pioneer Valley, will present one-minute elevator pitches describing their growth in the Bay State to a panel of judges and business leaders on September 17, 2013 at the UMass Club in Boston. Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Greg Bialecki, will be the featured guest at the event.

The awards celebrate companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the Massachusetts economy. The winners from each of the five regions will be announced in October and recognized at an awards luncheon on November 26<sup>th</sup> in Boston.

The finalist companies range in size and are drawn from many different industries, including software, manufacturing, life sciences, energy, and telecommunications. MassEcon selected the finalists based on their job growth, facility expansion, and investment since January 1, 2012, as well as other criteria including community involvement. Together this year's finalists have added over 2,400 jobs to the Commonwealth, invested nearly \$250 million, and expanded their facilities by more than 1.7 million square feet since January 2012.

Finalists compete on a regional basis, defined as West, Central, Southeast, Northeast, and Greater Boston. From the pool of finalists, a gold, silver, and bronze winner will be selected from each region.

"We are thrilled to recognize the businesses in Massachusetts that are expanding," said Susan Houston, Executive Director, MassEcon. "During our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it is particularly gratifying to pay our respects to companies who contribute so much to the prosperity of Massachusetts. We're fortunate in the Commonwealth to have a diverse economy, and these companies demonstrate that growth is not confined to a particular region or industry."

"Supporting companies like these Team Massachusetts finalists will help strengthen our innovation economy, keep us as a leader in the global economy, and create economy opportunity for everyone," said Greg Bialecki, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development. "The Patrick Administration remains committed to supporting entrepreneurs across the state to ensure long-term economic development and job creation throughout the Commonwealth."

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The companies chosen as finalists for the 10th ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS are listed below.

**WEST:**

**GulfStream Aerospace Corporation** – Westfield  
**McNairn Packaging** – Westfield  
**Lenox** – East Longmeadow

**SOUTHEAST:**

**Lighthouse Masonry** – New Bedford  
**Hamilton Storage Technologies** – Franklin  
**LeachGarner Company** – Attleborough  
**Granite Telecommunications** – Quincy

**NORTHEAST:**

**NxStage Medical** – Lawrence  
**Red Hat** – Westford  
**Instrumentation Laboratory** – Bedford  
**E- Ink** – Billerica  
**Kronos Incorporated** – Chelmsford  
**PAREXEL** - Billerica

**CENTRAL:**

**Unum** – Worcester  
**Saint-Gobain** – Devens  
**Saint Vincent Hospital** -- Worcester

**GREATER BOSTON:**

**Athenahealth** – Watertown  
**Next Step Living** – Boston  
**Boston BioMedical Inc.** – Cambridge  
**LogMeIn** – Boston  
**EnerNOC** – Boston  
**L. Knife and Son** – Everett  
**Momenta Pharmaceuticals** – Cambridge

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