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MASSECON HOLDS LUNCHEON FOR WINNERS OF ITS NINTH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS

Winners selected based on job growth, facility expansion, and community involvement

BOSTON, Massachusetts – November 21, 2012 – MassEcon held its *Ninth Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards* luncheon on November 20th at 12 noon at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. Companies from across the **Commonwealth** were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. Over 400 people attended the event, including featured speaker Governor Deval Patrick, Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Greg Bialecki, and award presenter WCVB-TV, Channel 5's longtime news anchor, Anthony Everett.

"These and many other stories of investment and partnership are stories of shared success -- just as we have invested in these MassEcon award winners, they have invested in us and the Commonwealth by growing jobs and facilities across the state," said Governor Deval Patrick.

The winning companies (listed below) were selected after a reception with their competitors and judges at an afternoon event at the **UMass Club in Boston**. The reception enabled senior executives from the companies to present their attributes in the categories of job growth, facility expansion, investment and community involvement since January 1, 2011.

The growth stories of the winning companies are all unique and represent a broad range of industries - including defense, software, information technology, manufacturing, life sciences, robotics, and consumer products.

"The commitment these companies make in Massachusetts have long-term economic impacts which are vital to the continued growth of the Massachusetts economy. MassEcon is proud to celebrate these companies for staying and growing here," stated [Susan Houston, Executive Director of MassEcon](#).

Winners, representing companies from Boston to Springfield, include:

NINTH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD WINNERS

Central

Gold: IPG Photonics – Oxford
Silver: Quiet Logistics – Devens
Bronze: Classic Envelope – Douglas

Greater Boston

Gold: Vecna Technologies – Cambridge
Silver: Pegasystems – Cambridge
Bronze: Brightcove – Boston

West

Gold: Savage Arms – Westfield
Silver: Polymer Corp – Palmer
Bronze: Thing5 – Springfield

Global Gateway: Japan Airlines

Northeast

Gold: Acme Packet - Bedford
Silver: Thermo Fisher Scientific - Tewksbury
Bronze: Cabot Corp – Haverhill

Southeast

Gold: Sysco Boston – Plympton
Silver: Cheer Pack – W. Bridgewater
Bronze: Lacerta Group – Mansfield

Rising Stars

Aquabotix – Fall River
Boston Heart Diagnostics - Framingham
Pharmalucence - Billerica

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Lead sponsors of the event included WPI, Citizens Bank, Cutler Associates, NAI Hunneman, Richards Barry Joyce & Partners, and MassDevelopment.

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