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15 GROWING MASSACHUSETTS FIRMS NAMED WINNERS OF Team Massachusetts 'IMPACT' AWARDS

Diverse Companies in State's 5 Regions added 6,200 jobs

WATERTOWN, MA – [MassEcon](#), the state's private sector partner in promoting business growth in Massachusetts, today announced its [Sixteenth Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award](#) winners, recognizing 15 companies for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. The companies were selected on the basis of job growth, facility expansion, investment, and community involvement since January 1, 2018. The winners will be honored at a luncheon on November 26, 2019 at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel, with Citizens Bank as presenting sponsor. A special community leader award will also be announced next week.

The winning companies (listed below) were selected after site visits and a reception with their competitors and judges at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP. The company expansion projects represent a financial investment over \$3.2 billion, more than 4 million square feet, and more than 6,200 jobs added to the state's economy.

"We applaud the leadership of the Massachusetts' business community in growing the economy, investing in the state's workforce, and strengthening the cities and towns they call home," said Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Mike Kennealy. "Today's awardees represent the diverse cross-section of industries and regions that make Massachusetts unique, and the Baker-Polito Administration will continue to reinforce the Commonwealth's position as an attractive and competitive place to start and expand your enterprise."

"Each of the employers has a unique and amazing story," said Peter Abair, Executive Director of MassEcon, "but they have in common an appreciation for Massachusetts and its most precious resource, its talented and hardworking workers."

"Congratulations to all the winners for this well-earned recognition of their commitment to the long term growth and success of the Massachusetts economy," said Jerry Sargent, President, Citizens Bank, Massachusetts. "Citizens Bank is pleased to partner with MassEcon to celebrate these companies whose leadership, strength and innovation is benefitting our neighbors and our neighborhoods."

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD WINNERS

Region	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Central	Insulet <i>Acton</i>	Cogmedix <i>West Boylston</i>	Process Cooling Systems <i>Leominster</i>
Greater Boston	Encore Boston Harbor <i>Everett</i>	Smartsheet <i>Boston</i>	Servier Pharmaceuticals <i>Boston</i>
Northeast	F.H. Cann & Associates <i>North Andover</i>	Cedar's Foods <i>Haverhill</i>	Plenus Group <i>Lowell</i>
Southeast	Raw Seafoods <i>Fall River</i>	Siemens Healthineers <i>East Walpole</i>	L. Knife & Son <i>Kingston</i>
West	Agri-Mark <i>West Springfield</i>	Pilot Precision Products <i>South Deerfield</i>	Berkshire Food Co-op <i>Great Barrington</i>

About the Winning Companies

Greater Boston Winners

Gold: Encore Boston Harbor of Everett – *Luxury hotel resort accommodations, five-star dining, gaming, shopping, and more.*

Silver: Smartsheet of Boston – *Leading cloud-based platform for work execution, enabling teams and organizations to plan, capture, manage, automate, and report on work at scale, resulting in more efficient processes and better business outcomes*

Bronze: Servier Pharmaceuticals of Boston – *Commercial-stage biotech company with treatments for patients with acute lymphoblastic leukemia*

Central Winners

Gold: Insulet of Acton – Global leader in tubeless insulin pump technology with new headquarters and U.S. manufacturing facility in Acton

Silver: Cogmedix of West Boylston – Medical device manufacturing company with a niche in laser and optical equipment, dental and aesthetic lasers

Bronze: Process Cooling Systems of Leominster – Designs, builds, and installs large-scale chilled water systems/industrial cooling systems for manufacturing businesses

Northeast Winners

Gold: F.H. Cann & Associates of North Andover – Certified woman-owned/family-owned and operated organization that provides call center, answering, debt collection, and loan resolution services for student loans

Silver: Cedars Foods of Haverhill – Producer of hummus and other Mediterranean foods for major retailers/supermarkets, with a new manufacturing facility to double its annual productions output

Bronze: Plenus Group of Lowell – Soup and sauce manufacturer and go-to product development specialists for private label products served, utilized, and sold across a broad range of foodservice applications.

Southeast Winners

Gold: Raw Seafoods of Fall River – Family-owned and operated company established in 1998 that manufactures and distributes fresh and frozen commodity and value added seafood products. Customers include Club Stores, high end retailers, broad line distributors, and specialty wholesale distributors throughout North America

Silver: Siemens Healthineers of East Walpole – Leading medical technology company in the areas of diagnostic and therapeutic imaging, laboratory diagnostics, molecular medicine, digital health, and enterprise services, with over 170 years of experience and 18,000 patents globally.

Bronze: L. Knife & Son of Kingston – Wholesale distributor of beer, ale, porter, and other malt beverages with an expanded facility to efficiently manage the storage and selection process for young and more well-known brands

West Winners

Gold: Agri-Mark of West Springfield – Plant makes butter sold under Agri-Mark's Cabot brand name and under store-brand names for Big Y, Stop & Shop and Hannaford and others.

Silver: Pilot Precision Products of South Deerfield – World's largest supplier of industrial broaches and small, round cutting tools from duMONT Minute Man® Industrial Broaches and Hassay Savage broaching tools, and is the exclusive American distributor of Magafor® and GMauvaisUSATM products

Bronze: Berkshire Food Co-op of Great Barrington – Founded by local families who wanted to provide to provide the community with a place to shop, gather, eat, and learn by offering good food and sustainable products at reasonable prices through cooperative ownership and responsible business practices

ABOUT MASSECON

Bringing the public and private sectors together, MassEcon, a statewide economic development non-profit, champions Massachusetts as the best place to start, grow, or locate a business. www.massecon.com.

ABOUT TEAM MASSACHUSETTS

Team Massachusetts is the informal name given to a consortium of state and quasi-public economic development agencies, such as MassDevelopment, Mass Office of Business Development, MOITI, and the Mass Life Sciences Center, as well as private sector organizations focused on economic development in Massachusetts, such as MassEcon, MassBio, and MassMedic.

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