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MassEcon News

Economic Impact Awards Finalists Announced!

Twenty-one companies from across the state have been selected as finalists for the 2015 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards. This annual event celebrates companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the Massachusetts economy. For the full list of companies, click [here](#).

Interested in joining the Awards Committee?
Email [Annie](#)

Sponsor Economic Impact Awards and Secure a Spot at the Finalists Reception

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, Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP, CBRE, Santander, MassDevelopment, Janitronics Building Services, Sasaki Associates, and Fidelity.** Add your company [here!](#)

Lt. Governor Karyn Polito Joins MassEcon Summer Reception

A special thanks to Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito for her insights on Massachusetts' economic development, and to Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP for so graciously hosting. Pictures from the event can be found [here](#).

ICYMI: Mid-Year Report and ReadyMass100 in the News

Read the 2015 MassEcon Mid-Year Report [here](#).

The ReadyMass 100 portfolio was featured in the latest issue of *Business Facilities*. Read the article [here](#). For more information on the ReadyMass 100, the top building and land sites in Massachusetts, contact [Doug](#).

Welcome New Member

Welcome new MassEcon member **Chase Bank!** Mike Houllahan, Senior Vice President, will be representing Chase at MassEcon.



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Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito Delivering Remarks at Summer Reception hosted by Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP



Chuck Dwyer of Middlesex Savings Bank at Summer Reception with Dave Hayes of BSC Group & Francisco Torres of Westborough EDC



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



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



Thank you to Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP for hosting the Summer Reception and the Economic Impact Awards Finalists Reception

Upcoming Events

Finalists Reception

Featured Speaker: Katie Stebbins, Assistant Secretary of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship

When: Wednesday, September 16
4 - 6:30 p.m.

Where: Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP
155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston

Thank you to our Host [Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP!](#)
Open to sponsors, judges, and finalists

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
RSVP to [Annie](#)

Robotics Industry Roundtable at WPI

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

Panelists:

- Joe Quinlivan: President & COO of Amazon Robotics
- Dan Theobald: CTO and Co-Founder of Vecna
- Representative from Medrobotics
- More to Come!

When: Tuesday, 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
RSVP to [Annie](#)

Committee Meetings

Awards Committee

August 25
MassEcon, 101 Walnut Street, Watertown
3 - 4 p.m.

Program & Events Committee

September 9 and October 21
Perkins + Will, 225 Franklin Street, Suite 1100, Boston
8:30 - 10 a.m.

Location Support Committee

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

Membership & Marketing Committee

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



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



Stay tuned for details on the Holiday Lunch on December 10 which will feature UMass President Marty Meehan

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Thank you to Sasaki Associates for sponsoring the Holiday Lunch



Vecna's CTO Dan Theobald leads a tour of Vecna's Robotics Facility for MassEcon

Government Relations Committee

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

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

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

Member News

Dave Sanford, Executive Vice President of Client Relations at **WinterWyman**, was featured on NECN, speaking about making the career switch from the private to non-profit sector. Watch it [here](#).

Congratulations to the following MassEcon member companies who were selected by the *Boston Business Journal* for being among the region's top corporate charitable contributors: **Citizens Bank, Coldwell Banker, Eastern Bank, J. Calnan & Associates, Janitronics Building Services, Middlesex Savings Bank, Santander, TD Bank, Suffolk Construction, and WinterWyman.** Read more [here](#).

Congratulations to **WPI** for being the first academic institution to join the bio-pharma trade group, Bio-Process Systems Alliance, to further technology education and training. Read more [here](#).

After a unanimous vote, Jacqueline Moloney will serve as **UMass Lowell's** first woman Chancellor. Read more [here](#).

Thank you to **Sasaki Associates** which will be sponsoring the Holiday Lunch in December with UMass President Marty Meehan.

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

Projects

#2704MA Office of International Trade & Investment (MOITI), MassEcon, and three MassEcon members recently met with executives of a Turkish aluminum-profile company seeking to establish a distribution presence in Massachusetts. The company plans to lease a 40,000 SF building in Greater Boston and will employ up to 50 people over the next five years.

#2708 Project Diamond: MassEcon, MLSC, MOBD and MassBio are assisting a Maryland-based cost consulting and project management advisory firm with a key client in the biopharmaceutical industry. The client is evaluating locations for a 150,000 SF build-to-suit for 275-350 employees. MassEcon provided research and information along with suitable land options in Greater Boston, Southeast Massachusetts, and Central Massachusetts. **Update: The consulting team recently visited Massachusetts and visited three sites in the communities of Weymouth, Freetown, and Fall River.**



2015 Calendar Highlights

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Team MA Economic Impact Awards
Finalists Reception at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP (for sponsors only)

Friday, September 25, 2015
Members Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 15
Robotics Industry Roundtable at WPI

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

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch
Featured Speaker: Marty Meehan, UMass President

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#2715 Project Horizon: MassEcon is assisting a Chicago-based site location consultant with a Request for Information regarding a location analysis for an information technology company that is considering redeployment of a technology support operation to a new location. Eight domestic locations are under consideration (including Greater Boston). The new location will employ 250-350 people. Please contact [Doug](#) for more information.

Thank You to Our Interns!

Charlotte Miller and **Maggie Chang** helped manage social media, execute meetings, and lay the groundwork for the Economic Impact Awards. Charlotte will be studying abroad at the International Business in London this fall. Maggie's internship highlight was when Lt. Governor Karyn Polito, a fellow BC eagle, high-fived her at the Summer Reception. This fall Maggie will be studying abroad at Seoul National University.

Miriam El-Baz wrapped up her summer internship as a Project Assistant on MassEcon's research report with the UMass Donahue Institute, and will return to Bowdoin College. Her work included compiling and systematizing business expansion data, assisting with the survey development process, and attending project meetings. She enjoyed connecting and collaborating with everyone on the project team and engaging with other members of the economic development community at MassEcon events.

Staff in Action

Susan Houston, joined by Annie, met with the Founder and CTO of Vecna to learn about MassRobotics, a start-up initiative to make Massachusetts a critical center for the robotics industry. This month, Susan also led a presentation to MOBD staff on MassEcon's capabilities, part of a day-long session hosted by MOBD for their partners. Susan also worked closely with the UMass Donahue Institute on the first phase of the location intelligence study which includes a business expansion survey to be launched by Labor Day. The Economic Impact Awards, planning the fall calendar, and government relations were also part of Susan's portfolio in August.

Doug Kehlhem recently visited with Derek Mitchell, the Executive Director of the Lawrence Partnership. Doug also met with Jim Paul, the Director of the Boston office of the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce, and David Campbell the Senior International Trade Specialist with SelectUSA, also part of the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Annie O'Connell participated in a tour of Vecna's robotics facility in Cambridge and has been planning a Robotics Industry roundtable to be hosted at WPI, in partnership with the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce, on October 15. Annie also met with the new regional directors of MOBD and is busy preparing for the Economic Impact Awards, specifically researching companies, scheduling site visits, compiling judges booklets, and preparing for the Finalists Reception.