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MAKING **MOVES** IN MASSACHUSETTS

Expanding in MASS



Biotechnology company **Alnylam Pharmaceuticals** plans to **double its staff by 2020**. The company also **tripled its office spaces in Cambridge's Kendall Square**. In Cambridge, Alnylam's new headquarters is **295K SF** and the company is currently leasing a **72K SF** office on Main Street. Read more [here](#).



boston planning & development agency

The **Boston Planning and Development Agency** approved the \$1 billion **Exchange South End** project that encompasses a **1.6 million SF** life science/technology campus that can house up to 7,000 workers, made up of 4 buildings and a **30K SF** cultural and community center. Read more [here](#).



Kentucky-based biotech company **Apellis Pharmaceuticals** is expanding in Massachusetts, with plans to **quadruple office staff and space**. The company currently has offices in **Waltham** and **Cambridge**. Read more [here](#).



Next summer, insurance company **Humana** will be opening its **40K SF** digital health center in **Boston's Seaport District** with plans to **add 250 employees**. Read more [here](#).



Starting next summer, **Delta** will be offering non-stop flights from **Worcester** to Detroit. Read more [here](#).



Watertown-based 3D printing company **Markforged** moved into a new **43K SF headquarters** while still maintaining its 36K SF former headquarters for manufacturing and testing. Read more [here](#).



The **MGM Springfield Casino** celebrated its grand opening last week, attracting more than 150,000 visitors to the City. Read more [here](#).



Salary Finance, a UK-based fintech startup that partners with companies to help employees refinance their debt, named **Boston** as its international headquarters. The company already has 10 employees in Boston with **plans to hire 15 more this year**. Read more [here](#).

NEW Products & funding



Edmit

Located in **Boston**, **Edmit**, an online platform that helps high school students and their families get the best possible financial deal for college, secured **\$2.3 million**. Read more [here](#).



The **Baker-Polito Administration** announced **over \$3.8 million in Seaport Economic Council Grants** to support **8 coastal cities and towns, from Salem to Nantucket**, to strengthen their economies, support job growth and build resilience to climate change. Read more [here](#).



Waltham-based Actifio retains its **unicorn status**, being valued at over \$1 billion, after securing another **\$100 million**. The data management firm develops copy data virtualization software and solutions for enterprises. Read more [here](#).



Watertown's SQZ Biotechnologies secured **\$72 million**. The startup is developing antigens that can activate T-cells in the immune system to fight tumors and other targets. Read more [here](#).



Renovia Inc., a women's health startup, secured **\$32 million**. The **Boston-based** company is developing several diagnostic and therapeutic products to treat pelvic floor disorders. Read more [here](#).



TraceLink, based in **North Reading**, secured **\$93 million**. The company develops software to help pharmaceutical companies track counterfeit versions of their drugs. Read more [here](#).

Ambassadors @work



HUBweek 2018

This year's HUBweek theme is "We the Future." The event, to be held on City Hall Plaza October 8-14, will feature speakers including columnist Maureen Dowd, activist David Hogg, and MIT Media Lab Director Joi Ito, along with a series of activations, installations and conversations centered around the intersections of art, science and technology. Read more [here](#).



BBJ's 40 under 40

The *Boston Business Journal* recently released its 2018 40 under 40 which honors young professionals under age 40 who are excelling in their careers. These young entrepreneurs, innovators, and executives are changing their industries and helping fuel Massachusetts' economy. To check out these rising stars, click [here](#).



Boston Fall Cargo Facilities Tour

Coalition of New England Companies for Trade presents its Fall Boston Cargo Facilities Tour. CONECT works with Massport's Port of Boston, Logan International Airport, US Customs and Border Protection, and Boston Freight Terminals to put together an in-depth cargo facilities tour that includes breakfast, parking, transportation, lunch, and a Harpoon Brewery tour/tasting (optional). Click [here](#) to learn more.

2018 Statewide Municipal Partnerships Conference

Join Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito, and members from all of the MA Regional Planning Agencies at the Annual Statewide Conference for Municipal Officials and staff, co-hosted by the Division of Local Services. The event will take place at Holy Cross College on September 24. Learn more [here](#).



MASS TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

MasTLC Growth Conference

This all day event for startups will be held at Bentley University on October 26, and include more than 300 leaders who have built teams, driven sales, created marketing machines, launched successful products, and maximized customer success. Register [here](#).



Sponsor MassEcon's 15th Annual Economic Impact Awards

Eighteen companies from across the state have been selected as finalists for the 2018 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards, MassEcon's 15th annual celebration recognizing companies for their contributions to the Massachusetts economy. Sponsor the event and hear pitches from the [18 finalist companies](#) up for this year's awards, spanning Greater Boston to Western Massachusetts, and drawn from manufacturing, distribution, life sciences, food, robotics, entertainment, and software. Learn more [here](#).

Business Mission to Israel

The New England Israel Business Council invites companies and business leaders to join in a trade mission to Israel in early October to meet Israel's business intellectuals, venture capitalists, entrepreneurs and CEO's. Read more [here](#).

New England Mission to the UK

The British Consulate General in Boston and the British Department for International Trade invite Massachusetts companies to participate in a tech and life sciences mission to the UK. The visit in late September will include engagement with stakeholders, universities and companies and will be used as a framework for future collaborations. Read more [here](#).



Beyond the Limits: SCORE Women's Conference

On September 8, SCORE's inaugural Women's Conference in Springfield will focus on personal and professional development. The event will feature a trade show of community-led businesses by and for women, a keynote lunch speech by Margaret Bailio Shepard (a Framingham town councilor and small business owner), and workshops where participants can follow a Financial, Marketing, or Organizational Leadership Track. Read more [here](#).



Notes on the
economy

According to **MassBio's August 2018 Industry Snapshot**, Massachusetts continues to experience a greater share of venture capital dollars, investments have reached all-time high, and job growth continues in the biotech industry. This success is expanding across the Commonwealth, with half of the 2017 Massachusetts-based IPOs occurring in outside of Cambridge in places like Waltham, Newton and Burlington.

In a report by **WalletHub**, measuring 25 aspects of education, **Massachusetts was ranked as having the best public school system in the country**. Massachusetts students had the highest test scores in reading and math and the fifth lowest rate of bullying. Read more [here](#).

As strong economic growth balanced concerns about tariffs and escalating international trade tensions, confidence levels among Massachusetts employers were virtually unchanged last month. Read more in the August 2018 **AIM Business Confidence Index** [here](#).

