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Members from Santander and Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP at MassEcon Summer Reception



John Barros, Boston's Chief of Economic Development, featured speaker at MassEcon Summer Reception.



New members Brigitte Beltran of Sasaki Associates and Dorrian Cohen Fragola of Janitronics network with Taidgh McClory of CBRE.

MassEcon News

Finalists for 11th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Announced

Twenty-two companies from across the state have been selected as finalists for the 2014 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards. The awards celebrate companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the Massachusetts economy. For the full list of companies, click [here](#).

Interested in sponsoring the Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon? Click [here!](#)

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

MassEcon Ranks#1 in Online Site Selection Among Economic Development Companies Nationwide

MassEcon was honored to receive a Certificate of Excellence from Sigala Inc. for site selection services featured in the [ReadyMass100](#) section of <http://massecon.com>. Click [here](#) to read the press release. For the full report, click [here](#).

Boston's Chief of Economic Development at Summer Reception

John Barros, Boston's Chief of Economic Development, was the featured speaker at the MassEcon Summer Reception, which was held in July, following the mid-year Members Meeting. Barros highlighted three economic objectives:

- Making Boston a "city for all," with the appropriate accommodations for all worker demographics
- Taking a proactive approach to the city's skills gap
- Adopting a regionally-minded attitude toward economic matters

Thanks to **Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP** for sponsoring and hosting the event. Click [here](#) to read more.

Government Relations

In August, Governor Patrick signed H. 4377 "An Act To Promote Economic Growth in the Commonwealth" which, among many other provisions, includes a job creation incentive under the Economic Development Incentive Program. This incentive allows businesses to receive a tax credit up to \$1,000 per job created, or up to \$5,000 per job created in a Gateway City, as long as the total credit per project does not exceed \$1 million. Click [here](#) to read the complete bill.

MassEcon Gets Sneak Peek Inside Dudley Municipal Center

Participants gathered in Boston for MassEcon's customized tour of the [Dudley Municipal Center](#) which was led by one of the building's architects from **Sasaki Associates** and the



MassEcon Board Chairman Fred Mulligan of Cutler Associates, MassEcon Executive Director Susan Houston, Boston Chief of Economic Development John Barros, and Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP Partner Mary Marshall at Summer Reception.



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MassEcon taking a sneak peek of the Dudley Municipal Center in July.



View of Boston from inside the new Dudley Municipal Center, which is set to open this winter.

City of Boston. The historic Ferdinand Building will be preserved as the Dudley Municipal Center and stand as the centerpiece of the Dudley Square area's revitalization.

Upcoming Events

Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards - Finalists Reception

When: Wednesday, September 17, 4-6:30PM

Where: Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP - 155 Seaport Blvd., Boston, MA 02210

Open to sponsors, judges and finalists

Members Meeting

When: Wednesday September 24, 8:30AM

Where: 200 Friberg Pkwy., Westborough, MA 01581

Board Meeting

When: Thursday, October 2, 8:30AM

Where: DLA Piper - 33 Arch St., Boston, MA 02110

Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

When: Tuesday, November 25, 12PM-2PM

Where: Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel - 606 Congress St., Boston, MA 02210

Interested in sponsoring the Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon? Click [here!](#)

Member News

On August 13, Governor Patrick re-filed legislation that limits the use of non-compete agreements. The viewpoint from two **Bowditch & Dewey** attorneys on the issue was published in an early August issue of the *Boston Business Journal*. Read the article [here](#).

Congratulations to...

- **New Balance** and **Connelly Partners** who were named to BostonInno's [Coolest Companies List](#) for "making living, working, and playing in the Hub that much sweeter."
- The following MassEcon member companies who were selected by the *Boston Business Journal* for being among the region's top corporate charitable contributors and will be honored at the BBJ's Annual Corporate Citizenship Summit on September 10: **Coldwell Banker**, **IBM**, **J. Calnan & Associates**, **Janitronics**, **Middlesex Savings Bank**, **New Balance**, **Santander**, **TD Bank**.

Logan Airport and **Massport** welcomed new airline People Express to Boston. Click [here](#) to read more. Also, groundbreaking on the \$210 million Boston Cargo Terminal Project in the Seaport will take place over the coming weeks. The nearly 30-acre property is expected to include three commercial warehouse buildings, a 120K SF building with a lufa farm, 160 parking spaces, and a Harborwalk path. This deal involves land owned by the **Boston Redevelopment Authority** and **Massport**. Click [here](#) to read more.

Along with City officials, **Brockton 21st Century** is beginning an initiative to help Brockton operate more efficiently, on both political and economic levels. Key aspects include data-driven strategies for economic development, a new City website, and a new Main Street manager. To learn more about Brockton 21st Century, click [here](#).

2014 Calendar Highlights

Wednesday, September 17
Finalists Reception

Wednesday, September 24
Members Meeting

Thursday, October 2
Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 25
Economic Impact Awards

Thursday, December 11
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch Featured
Speaker: Laurie Leshin, WPI President

WPI has partnered with Northern Ireland on Robotics, Engineering, Global sustainability and Women's leadership. Click [here](#) to read more.

On September 18, MassEcon board member Christopher Steele, President and COO of **Investment Consulting Associates NA** will be speaking with John Rhodes, Senior Principal of Moran, Stahl & Boyer, about the economic opportunities that grow jobs and tax base. Other topics include:

- Technologies that are and will be driving our economy and how to be prepared for them
- Real estate and marketing strategies that are practical and get results
- How incentives impact site selection and how to use them wisely
- Innovative funding options for economic development

To learn more about this event, click [here](#).

Please send [Annie O'Connell](#) your member news!

Projects

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MassEcon is working with MLSC and MOBD in assisting a life sciences company with operations in Massachusetts. The company will be consolidating four national locations into two, and will need 150K SF of office/lab space and 70K SF of manufacturing space within the same facility or on the same campus. The company anticipates adding 200 new employees in Massachusetts.

Note: Currently, a site in Marlborough is under consideration and being evaluated by company officials.

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MassEcon is working with a Cambridge-based biotechnology company in the early stages of evaluating 15 states for a 70K - 80K SF manufacturing facility to be constructed in two phases, representing 50-150 total jobs.

Note: MassEcon and state partners from MassDevelopment and MLSC recently met with this company at the BIO show in San Diego in June.

Please contact [Doug Kehlhem](#) for more information.

Staff in Action

Farewell

Sam Melnick, who contributed so much in 2 1/2 short months, has wrapped up his summer internship at MassEcon. He enjoyed getting to meet and work with some great people, and looks forward to following MassEcon from afar as he continues his studies at Syracuse. He hopes to be present for the Economic Impact Awards Luncheon in November, where he can see his hard work come to life.

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