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IN BRIEF

MAKING MOVES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Expanding in MASS



In the **largest life sciences lease in Boston since 2011**, **Foundation Medicine** leased **580K SF** of lab and office space at 400 Summer Street, part of the company's 23-acre Boston Seaport development. Read more [here](#).



Neurological disease drug developer **Cerevel Therapeutics** is relocating its 23K SF headquarters in Boston to **nearly 60K SF** in **Cambridge**, allowing for the company to quadruple its headcount. Read more [here](#).



Virginia-based online catering service that connects businesses directly to chefs, **Hungry Marketplace, Inc.**, will be expanding to **Boston**. Read more [here](#).



FluidForm Inc., a firm making artificial human tissue with 3D printing technology, signed a **3,550 SF** lease in **Acton**. Read more [here](#).



Provider of analytical and microbiological testing to the pharmaceutical industry, **Boston Analytical**, opened an office in **Cambridge**. Read more [here](#).



In the Fall of 2020, **Google** will be expanding in **Cambridge** to accommodate continued short-term and long-term growth. Read more [here](#).



Texas-based travel booking services company **Sabre Corp.** expanded to **10,635 SF** in **Boston's** Fort Point neighborhood. Read more [here](#).



This Fall, online retailer **Amazon** will open a distribution center in **Holyoke** where it expects to employ 1,500 people. Read more [here](#).



Surgical device firm, **Steris Corp.**, is expanding next to its current space in **Northborough** with a **46K SF** warehouse. Read more [here](#).

NEW Products & funding



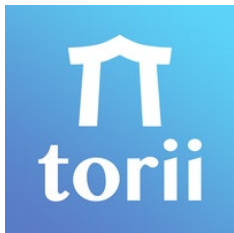
Boston-based startup **Jobble**, that runs a platform for on-demand workers, secured **\$11 million** to grow its development team and build out sales and marketing efforts to expand internationally. Read more [here](#).



Finch Therapeutics Group Inc., a 4-year-old biotech in **Somerville**, secured **\$53 million** to move its lead bacteria-leveraging drug for clostridium difficile, a life-threatening intestinal illness, through a mid-stage study. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge startup, **Inari Agriculture**, that uses gene editing to develop new types of seeds, secured **\$87.2 million**. Read more [here](#).



Torii, a new **Boston**-based real estate app to guide users (particularly millennials) through every step of the home buying process, secured **\$1.4 million** for expansion and building out its engineering team. Read more [here](#).



Form Energy, the **Somerville**-based energy startup that makes low-cost, long-duration batteries, secured **\$40 million** to develop the design for its first pilot project for commercial application in utilities, an industry transitioning to renewable energy. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge biotech **Oncorus**, secured **\$80 million** and is developing two treatments to alert the immune system to begin fighting cancer tumors as well as teach the system what to look for and fight next time. Read more [here](#).

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MASS TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Join **MassTLC** at its Summer Reception and Mass Tech Leadership Awards Finalist announcement in Boston on September 10. Read more [here](#). Mass TLC's Tech and Innovation Conference is taking place on September 18, for senior engineering executives, developers, architects, managers, and product professionals, providing a glimpse into the future as well as tools and techniques for the here and now to utilize next gen networks, advanced methods in machine learning and AI, optimizing hybrid/cloud, and gleaning ROI as companies make investments and adopt programs. Read more [here](#).



To support the **MassHire** Healthy Homes Program (a whole-home housing rehab program that will focus on home energy efficiency and environmental safety for residents), a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grant-funded program: Construction Skills Training for Springfield residents will begin on September 16. Read more [here](#).



CITY AWAKE

On September 6, join the **Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce City Awake** program's discussion with Tristan Walker who will share his journey as a young black entrepreneur that founded Bevel, a shaving brand designed with people of color in mind, and Form, an inclusive women's hair care brand. Read more [here](#).

BOSTINNO

BostInno named the **10 Coolest Companies of 2019**. Read more [here](#).



Attend a two-part course on Real Estate Finance Fundamentals hosted by **NAIOP Massachusetts** on October 4 & 11. Learn about debt and equity financing of income-producing real property and more. Read more [here](#). On November 7, join NAIOP for the 2019 Distinguished Real Estate Awards Gala as they honor MIT Investment Management Company for their achievements in real estate, charitable activities and community betterment. Read more [here](#).



The **Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment** announced the **STEP** program which will provide grants to eligible Massachusetts small businesses for the purpose of increasing export sales of their goods and services. Read more [here](#).



AIM is calling for nominations for its annual Global Trade Awards. Learn more about the criteria and apply before the September 6 deadline. Read more [here](#). Also, in September, AIM will host a live webinar focusing on strategies and tools to help you leverage your existing data and plan for your digital future on September 10. Register [here](#). AIM is also hosting a Cybercrime Webinar on September 17 that will focus on what to do, what to look for, and how to react if you suspect a cyber-crime event. Register [here](#).



The **New England Canada Business Council** is hosting its second annual invitational golf tournament on September 16 to fund the Frederick J. Nemergut Scholarship Fund at Bridgewater State University which supports college students with an interest in Canadian studies, international business relations, or economics. Read more [here](#).



MassBio is hosting its inaugural Digital Health Impact 2019 event, part of Biotech Week Boston, on September 9, to examine the current state of digital health as it relates to the life sciences, the challenges facing its growth, and opportunities for collaboration. Read more [here](#).



Join **MEDC** at its **Fall Conference** on September 26 at the Southbridge Innovation Center where they just completed an on-site cogeneration facility and are planning a solar and hydro-electric development on the campus. Read more [here](#).



Innovation festival **HubWeek** isn't until October, but you can catch a peek at the 2019 lineup. The event will now be entirely in the Seaport. Read more and register [here](#).

Sasaki Foundation

Join the **Sasaki Foundation** in the Incubator at Sasaki on September 25 for "Collaborative and Creative Community Building", a panel discussion addressing how individuals, organizations, and movements can play distinctive and critical roles in revitalizing communities as well as placekeeping. Read more [here](#).

BOSTON BUSINESS JOURNAL

The *Boston Business Journal* announced the **2019 40 Under 40 Honorees**. Read more [here](#).



Nineteen companies from across the state have been selected as **finalists for the 2019 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards, MassEcon's 16th annual celebration** recognizing companies for their contributions to the Massachusetts economy. Sponsor the event and hear pitches from the 19 finalist companies up for this year's awards. Read more [here](#).



Notes on the *economy*

The MassDOT Rail & Transit Division is launching a **new program that will provide funding for projects aimed at meeting workforce transportation needs** around the Commonwealth. Read more [here](#).

Quickly becoming one of Boston's most innovative and growing neighborhoods, **Boston's Seaport District** is poised to break out as the second-largest **lab cluster** in Massachusetts. Read more [here](#).

The Massachusetts **unemployment rate** from July was **down to 2.9%**, marking a 1/10 of a percentage point improvement from June. Read more [here](#).

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