



MassEcon Developments

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Best Wishes to our Members for the New Year!

Annual Meeting...

At this year's Annual Meeting, two new members were elected to the MassEcon Board: Bill Harris of Perkins + Will and Rebecca Frisch of TD Bank. Fred Mulligan also stepped down as Chairman, after serving for three years, and MassEcon welcomed incoming Chairman, Brian Cohen. Thanks to David Tibbetts for serving on the Executive Committee and welcome to Ned Bartlett who will be joining. Click [here](#) to read the Year-End Report and click [here](#) for the official press release from the event.



Fred Mulligan receiving a tribute for his three years as MassEcon Chairman

...And Holiday Lunch

Following the Annual Meeting, Laurie Leshin, President of WPI, delivered keynote remarks at the MassEcon Holiday Lunch. Click [here](#) to read Laurie's speech from the event.

View photos from the Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch [here](#).



Laurie Leshin, President of WPI, delivers keynote address at MassEcon Holiday Lunch

Government Relations

In addition to the recent key cabinet appointments of Jay Ash as **Secretary of Housing & Economic Development**, Matt Beaton as the **Secretary of the Environmental Affairs**, and Ronald L. Walker II as the **Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development**, Brian Golden was named as the new director of the **Boston Redevelopment Authority**. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Members Meeting

Alan Clayton-Matthews will be delivering the state's economic outlook for the year ahead.

When: Friday, January 23, 8:30 a.m.

- 8:30-9 Registration and Networking
- 9-10 Speaker and Q&A
- 10-10:30 Members Business Meeting

Where: 200 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, MA

To RSVP, please email [Annie](#)



Mark DiNapoli of Suffolk Construction introducing Laurie Leshin. Thank you to Suffolk Construction for sponsoring the event!



Alan Clayton-Matthews, Northeastern University Professor, will be the featured speaker at the January 23 Members Meeting in Westborough. RSVP to aconnell@massecon.com

2015 Calendar Highlights

Friday, January 23, 2015

[Members Meeting](#)

Featured Speaker: Alan Clayton-Matthews

Thursday, February 5, 2015

Board Meeting

Friday, March 20, 2015

Members Meeting

Thursday, April 2, 2015

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Corporate Welcome Reception

Friday, May 15, 2015

Members Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2015

Board Meeting

Friday, June 19 2015

Annual Conference

Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Summer Reception

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Team MA Economic Impact Awards
Finalists Reception

Friday, September 25, 2015

Members Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2015

Team MA Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the newest MassEcon members:

- [ARC/Architectural Resources Cambridge](#)
- [CBRE](#)
- [GZA GeoEnvironmental](#)
- [Metrowest Chamber of Commerce](#)
- [Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce](#)

Member News

The **MassDevelopment** Transformative Development Initiative announced the 12 Gateway Cities that will be supported through its pilot program. Click [here](#) to see the complete list of cities.

On Tuesday, January 27 join **Bowditch & Dewey** attorneys as they discuss "hot topics" in employment and employment law benefits. The event will be held at the Newton Marriott Hotel from 7:30 until 10 a.m. Register for the event [here](#).

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

Projects

#2676

MassEcon and MOBD are working with an out-of-state liquid food-grade chemical coatings company. They are searching statewide to lease or buy 15,000-30,000 SF of industrial space that includes at least 4,000 SF for food-grade manufacturing. **Must have 20' clear ceilings in the production area** and one loading dock. The building must be ready for food-grade manufacturing under Good Manufacturing Practices or be readily upgradable. Between 50 and 100 employees are expected at the new facility.

#2678

MassEcon, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and MassBio are working with a Spanish biomedicine startup looking for 2,000-3,000 SF of lab space in Cambridge. Company executives will be visiting Cambridge for a tour of available lab space in that market. They are looking to start with 5-8 employees.

#2680

MassEcon and MOBD are working with a global company that produces high voltage equipment for the transmission grid. The company would like to establish a manufacturing operation in Massachusetts to serve their Canadian customer base. They would like to buy 20,000-35,000 SF of industrial space with land to expand. A portion of the building will have 62' clear height for a designated testing area. They are considering properties inside and along I-495. Up to 50 employees are expected at the new facility.

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

Staff in Action

Doug Kehlhem recently served as a panelist for the MassDevelopment Academy in Milford. He also joined MOBD Boston Regional Director John Sisson to meet with economic development officials in Everett and Malden. Doug also participated in a tour of lab space in the Cambridge market

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with a Spanish biomedicine startup.

Susan Houston's calendar for the month included participating with industry association leadership in Mass Insight's Global Massachusetts 2014 initiative, which will be launched at the end of January. The initiative's focus is to frame opportunities and policy options for the Commonwealth in talent, technology, and centers of excellence strategy.

Annie O'Connell attended the MEDC Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch in Sturbridge. Additionally, Annie has been working with Susan and the Program Committee in developing a marketing roundtable for February.

Sofia Rojo del Busto deserves MassEcon's thanks as she transitions back to Northeastern after six months of serving as a key part of our team. We wish her well as she returns to her studies. Lucky for us, Sofia promises that she won't go far as she helps recruit new coops from Northeastern to benefit from the MassEcon experience. We will miss her!



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