



# MassEcon Developments

## News for Members

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Bruce Stewart Chief Marketing Officer at Current , Powered by GE Holiday Lunch Featured Speaker



Thank you to WPI for sponsoring the 2016 Holiday Lunch



**Happy Holidays MassEcon Members!**

## MassEcon News

### Annual Meeting...

At this year's Annual Meeting, **Bonnie Sullivan**, Middlesex Savings Bank Vice President, and **Joe Gaetano**, Aerotek Director of Business Operations, were elected as new members of MassEcon's Board of Directors, and **Mike Scott** of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP was appointed to the Executive Committee - all detailed in our December 16 [press release](#).

Our [Year End Report](#) showcases the year's accomplishments. Thank you to our members for supporting our work!

### ...and Holiday Lunch

Following the Annual Meeting, **Bruce Stewart**, Chief Marketing Officer of Current, Powered by GE, delivered keynote remarks to nearly 100 guests at the MassEcon Holiday Lunch. You can view the event photos [here](#).

**ICYMI: Check out a recap of the 13th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards, featuring [photos](#) and a [blog](#). Videos coming soon! Thank you to Presenting Sponsor Citizens Bank.**

### MassEcon is Hiring Spring Semester Interns

Do you know a student who is interested in communications and economic development? MassEcon is now taking applications for spring semester interns. Find all the details [here](#).

### Special Thank You to MassEcon Interns

Alison Klemencic and Liza LaBossiere deserve a big thank you for their hard work this fall semester. Best of luck to Liza who is graduating from Simmons College and Alison who will be working as a research assistant, in addition to finishing her last semester, at Tufts University.

CONGRATULATIONS!

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award Winners





Alan Clayton-Matthews  
Northeastern University  
Professor and NEEP  
Forecaster

January Members  
Meeting Featured  
Speaker

## 2017 Calendar Highlights

**Friday, January 20, 2017**  
**Members Meeting**  
**Featured Speaker: Alan Clayton-Matthews**

**Friday, March 17, 2017**  
**Members Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 17, 2017**  
**Incentives Roundtable**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2017**  
**Corporate Welcome Reception**

**Friday, May 12, 2017**  
**Members Meeting**

**Friday, June 2, 2017**  
**Annual Conference**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**  
**Summer Reception**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**  
**Economic Impact Awards - Finalists Reception**

**Friday, September 22, 2017**  
**Members Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 21, 2017**  
**Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards**

**Thursday, December 14, 2017**  
**Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch**

## Upcoming Events

View the full MassEcon Calendar [here](#)

### January Members Meeting

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

**When:** Friday, January 20

8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration and Networking

8:30-9:30 a.m. Speaker and Q&A

9:30-10 a.m. Members Business Meeting

**Where:** 200 Friberg Parkway, Westborough, MA

RSVP to [Annie](#)

## Member News

MassEcon board member, and partner at **CBRE/New England, Taidgh McClory**, highlighted the importance of workplace diversity in a [recent issue](#) of the *Boston Business Journal*.

Congratulations to **Meredith Harris of the Marlborough EDC** and **Tim Murray of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce**, both named among Central Massachusetts Power Players of 2016. Read more [here](#).

**Sherri Pitcher of the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce** was promoted to Senior Director of Business Development, handling recruitment of companies to the region. Read more about Sherri's promotion and others at the Chamber [here](#).

Best wishes to **Penny Garver** on her retirement from **Santander Bank** - and thanks for her leadership on the Program and Events Committee in 2016!

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

## Projects

**#2807: Project Stream:** MassEcon is assisting a NJ-based location consultant representing a diversified manufacturer of specialty chemicals and pharmaceutical compounds. Because this company has a strong customer presence in North America, the company is now planning to open its first U.S. distribution center on the eastern seaboard in 2017. In time, the distribution center could grow to 10,000 SF; if so, and depending on market conditions, it also might choose to co-locate a small R&D operation and perhaps a pilot-scale manufacturing plant. The facility will open up with as many as 10 full-time, permanent employees. **Notes: Considering the Framingham-Marlborough area.**

## Get Connected with MassEcon



**#2809:** MassEcon is working with an Atlanta-based real estate firm representing a computer equipment company with operations in Atlanta and headquartered in Europe. The company is in the early stages of considering a relocation from Atlanta to Greater Boston. They would lease 100,000 SF of office and assembly space and hire 300 people. **Notes: Multiple markets are being considered, including remaining in Atlanta.**

### Staff in Action

In addition to wrapping up year-end operations and planning for the New Year, **Susan Houston** worked with the UMass research team on the final leg of the location intelligence report; attended CBRE's holiday gathering with other MassEcon members; and was a guest at the invitation-only Bay State Business Link forum, hosted by Speaker DeLeo and Greater Boston Chamber President Jim Rooney in partnership with member Western MA EDC. Susan looks forward to working with the board, committees, and members in 2017.

**Doug Kehlhem** recently attended the Westborough EDC Third Annual Celebratory Breakfast, and participated at meetings of the marketing sub-committee and Board for the Marlborough Economic Development Corporation. Doug met with the Ready MA 100 evaluation committee where 5 new properties were selected to be listed on the Ready MA 100 portfolio.

**Annie O'Connell**, along with **Alison Klemencic** and **Liza LaBossiere**, executed the Economic Impact Awards Luncheon, Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch.



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