



Help MassEcon Celebrate 25 Years!

2018 marks MassEcon's 25th Anniversary and we're looking for ways to commemorate this milestone! If you're interested in sharing your creative ideas, please email [Annie](#) and she'll make sure you're part of the conversation!

Call for Nominations!

We're still accepting nominations for the 15th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards, an exceptional event that recognizes growing companies for their contributions to the state's economy. Help us choose our honorees by nominating great companies!

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Nominate a company TODAY!



Nomination criteria:

- Company must have a physical presence and growth in MA
- Job creation, increased square footage, and financial investment since Jan. 1, 2017
- Company must be a for-profit entity

Welcome Summer Interns!

Kelsey Bechtel is a rising senior at the University of Virginia from Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She is studying Public Policy & Leadership and Foreign Affairs and is eager to gain more experience in economic development. At UVA, Kelsey is a staff writer for the Virginia Review of Politics and tutors at a local middle school. Kelsey just returned from a semester abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark and is excited to explore Boston and work at MassEcon this summer!



Shivani Arya is a rising senior at Boston University studying Sociology and Economics. In addition to volunteering with the Social Adjustment and Bullying Prevention Lab, Shivani works as a Student Health Ambassador, serving as a liaison between Wellness and Prevention Services and the student body. Her specific interests include patient advocacy and mental health. She plans to attend law school and hopes to focus on health law.



ReadyMass 100 Webinar

MassEcon will be holding its first ReadyMass 100 Webinar on June 20th from 11:00 am - Noon. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about MassEcon's ReadyMass 100 portfolio, the corporate site selection process, and how communities can market their strengths. Please RSVP to [Annie](#).



#ICYMI: May Members Meeting

Thank you to Lauren Liss, President and CEO at MassDevelopment, for an engaging presentation on MassDevelopment's Role in Encouraging Business Growth at the May 11 Members Meeting.



Join a MassEcon Committee

There are exciting ways to get more involved in MassEcon . . . join a Committee. Whether you're interested in or have expertise in Membership & Marketing, Programs & Events, Location Intelligence, Government Relations, or NextGen, we have a spot for you. Learn more [here](#).



2017 Annual Report

MassEcon's 2017 Annual Report is now available in print and online. Click [here](#) to view the online edition, which includes a recap of MassEcon's activity in 2017.



Upcoming Events

Annual Conference

World of the Future: Key Drivers of Change

When:

Friday, June 1

7:30-9:30 a.m.

7:30 - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:00 - 9:30 am Program & Q+A

Where:

Newton Marriott Hotel - 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton

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Who:

Experts will be taking a look toward the future across different topics. Moderated by [Shirley Leung](#), Columnist and Associate Editor for *The Boston Globe*, speakers include:

- [Navjot Singh](#), Managing Partner of the McKinsey Boston office and member of the Governor's Task Force on the Future of Transportation
- [David Lucchino](#), CEO and Co-Founder of Frequency Therapeutics
- [Daniela Rus](#), Director of CSAIL at MIT
- [Corey Thomas](#), CEO of Rapid7

REGISTER

Know a full-time MA college student interested in attending this event for free? Encourage them to visit www.stayinma.com

MassEcon Summer Reception Celebrating 25 Years

SAVE THE DATE!

Wednesday, July 11

5 - 7 p.m.

Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

155 Seaport Boulevard, Boston

RSVP to [Annie](#).



Thank you to our members who have sponsored 2018 site selector receptions: **Cutler Associates**, **Marlborough EDC**, **Perkins + Will**, **Union Point**, and **VHB**.

#2876: MassEcon was contacted by an Atlanta-based location incentives consultant representing an underwater drone company based in Fall River and considering a 20,000 SF expansion in Westport, Fall River, or Rhode Island. MassEcon assisted the real estate firm by making connections to appropriate state agencies regarding incentives. **Update: Still active, but the project has been slowed due to internal company discussions.**

WPI is holding its **7th Annual Touch Tomorrow** celebration on June 9 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This amazing and free opportunity aims to spark an interest in STEM fields in kids K-12. Click [here](#) to register or learn more.

N² Innovation District is seeking donations for an outdoor sculpture exhibition opening this summer on the Upper Falls Greenway in Newton. The exhibit will feature up to 15 sculptures and art along the 1-mile rail trail and will be a great asset to the area. Read more [here](#).

Last week, incoming Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Chairman, and partner at **Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP**, Paul Ayoub, spoke with *Bloomberg Baystate Business* as part of Bloomberg Tech Week in Boston. Listen [here](#).

For the fourth consecutive year, two member companies were recognized by *Forbes*:

- **Aerotek** as one of America's Best Large Employers for 2018. Read more [here](#).
- **Kronos** as one of the top three places to work in software. Read more [here](#).

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

#2877: MassEcon was contacted by a New York-based site location consultant representing an inbound e-commerce call center client requiring 50,000 SF to accommodate 500 employees. The company plans to open three call centers in different markets between Q3 2018 and Q3 2019, with both Springfield and Pittsfield under consideration. **Update: Consultant and company officials plan to visit Pittsfield and Springfield at the end of June.**

#2879: MassEcon and partners from MOBD and MassDevelopment are working with a global company in the technology industry that is considering Massachusetts for a potential office and R&D/lab operation. The company needs 15,000 SF of flex space for 20 employees. Properties from Franklin down to the South Coast are being reviewed. Rhode Island is also being considered.

#2880: MassEcon and partners from MOBD and MassDevelopment are working with an industrial user that needs 30,000-60,000 SF (pre-engineered metal building) with 20-30 ft. clear height. Must have a 10-acre site around the building to store finished material. The company would like to be located in an area with a significant population size. Properties east of Worcester are being considered.

Staff In Action

Susan Houston this month visited the BSC Group to meet with their new leadership team and toured economic development award winner Cumberland Farms's impressive HQ in Westboro. (Their gold winner status was evident!). In preparation for MassEcon's Annual Conference, Susan also led briefing sessions for MassEcon's panelists; as a director, she attended the New England Economic Partnership's board meeting; and, thanks to an invitation from VHB leadership, participated in a session with Governor Baker hosted by VHB executives.

Doug Kehlhem was on the road holding the Massachusetts banner aloft at a reception hosted by Perkins+Will in San Francisco and in Denver, with MassDevelopment colleague Kelly Arvidson, at the Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) trade show. Doug is also doubling down on planning for MassEcon's June hospitality reception in New York, occurring in conjunction with the MD&M East Conference. On the home front, Doug is working with several prospects considering a Massachusetts location.

Annie O'Connell attended the VHB Client Reception, and member briefings at the North Central MA Development Corporation (with Doug), and the Town of Chelmsford. She also joined Susan for the tour of Cumberland Farms. Currently, she is training the new summer interns, and preparing for the June 1 Annual Conference and July 11 25th Anniversary Reception. Annie is also compiling Economic Impact Award nominations.

2018 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JAN 19

Members Meeting

FEB 1

Board Meeting

MAR 16

Members Meeting

Featured Speaker: David Gibbons

MAR 27

Corporate Welcome Reception

APR 5

Board Meeting

APR 24

MassEcon Mixer

MAY 11

Members Meeting:

Featured Speaker: Lauren Liss

JUN 1

Annual Conference

JUN 7

Board Meeting

JUL 11

Summer Reception

SEP 12

Economic Impact Awards-Finalists Reception

SEP 28

Members Meeting

NOV 20

Team Massachusetts Economic
Impact Awards

DEC 13

Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

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