

MassEcon Developments

News for Members

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Doug Kehlhem of MassEcon and Pete Abair of MassBio at 650 East Kendall Street in Cambridge, the future home of Baxter.



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MassEcon News

The Wait is Over...Economic Impact Winners Announced!

After receiving nominations, conducting site visits, hearing the company "pitches" and deliberating over the finalists, winners for the 2014 Economic Impact Awards have been announced and will be presented at the November 25 Luncheon. Click [here](#) to learn more about this event, sponsorship, and watch the finalist company "pitches." Congratulations to the winners!

Gold Winners

- Affordable Interior Systems, Inc. (Central)
- EF Education First (Greater Boston)
- Keurig Green Mountain (Northeast)
- Hydroid, Inc. (Southeast)
- Sinicon Plastics (West)

Silver Winners

- Quest Diagnostics (Central)
- Biogen Idec, Inc. (Greater Boston)
- Asahi/America (Northeast)
- Matouk (Southeast)
- Nuclea Biotechnologies (West)

Bronze Winners

- Pall Life Sciences (Central)
- Pfizer, Inc. (Greater Boston)
- Entegris, Inc. (Northeast)
- Crown Uniform & Linen Services (Southeast)
- Menck Windows (West)

Community Heroes

- AccuRounds (Avon)
- PlumChoice (Lowell)
- uniQure (Lexington)

Know anyone interested in volunteering at the Awards Luncheon? Email [Annie!](#)

Celebrating Northeastern University's Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy

MassEcon and members of VHB joined hundreds of others from across the Commonwealth to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the Dukakis Center. MassEcon shared the Economic Pod with other organizations and met with guests interested in learning more about [ReadyMass100](#) and our work in cities and towns across the Bay State.



MassEcon and VHB presented in this Economic Development pod at the Northeastern University Dukakis Center 15th Anniversary Gala.

2014-2015 Calendar Highlights

Tuesday, November 25, 2014
Economic Impact Awards

Thursday, December 11, 2014
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch
Featured Speaker: Laurie Leshin, WPI President

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

Thursday, June 25, 2015
Annual Conference

Wednesday, July 15, 2015
Summer Reception

Baxter is Coming to Massachusetts

After a year-long search, the identity of the company behind Project Tiger, **Baxter**, was recently announced and MassEcon is proud to have played an instrumental role in the company choosing Massachusetts as a place to do business -- 400 jobs and a 200,000 SF expansion! Through the exceptional ground work of Doug Kehlhem, MassEcon worked diligently with **MassBio**, **Massachusetts Life Sciences Center**, **BioMed Realty Trust**, **Transwestern | RBJ**, and Deloitte on researching locations, facilitating meetings, and providing support to one of the world's largest life sciences companies. Click [here](#) to read the full story. Thank you to **Connelly Partners** for providing helpful promotional and media coverage to highlight all of our work on Baxter.

Members Meeting Explores Evolving Workforce/Workplace

Liz Levison, Human Resources Business Partner at Quest Diagnostics, was the featured speaker at the September MassEcon Members Meeting in Westborough. Liz led a discussion and engaged with members on the topic of an evolving workforce and workplace.

Upcoming Events

Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

When: Tuesday, November 25, 12 - 2PM

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

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Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

When: Tuesday, December 11

Members Meeting: 11:30AM - 12PM

Holiday Lunch with Laurie Leshin, WPI President: 12 Noon

Where: UMass Club - 225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110

Thank you to Suffolk Construction for sponsoring the 2014 Holiday Lunch!

REGISTER

Full time MA college students may apply [here](#) for scholarships to attend both of these programs free of charge.

Member News

Congratulations to Jerry Sargent of **Citizens Bank**, Keith Motley and Robert Caret of **UMass**, John Fish of **Suffolk Construction** and Abby Johnson of **Fidelity Investments** for being named among the Top 50 Most Influential Bostonians by the Boston Business Journal! Read more [here](#).

MassDevelopment has created the Commonwealth Gateway Cities Transformative Development Initiative to enhance local public-private engagement and community identity; stimulate an improved quality of life for local residents; and spur increased investment and economic activity. Click [here](#) to learn more about this program. MassDevelopment also discussed the state's incentive programs as part of the **New Bedford Developer's Tour** this month. The event included panel discussions on the Economic Development Bill and Allocations to Gateway Cities, along with tours of commercial properties throughout the city and networking.

Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Economic Impact Awards - Finalist Reception

Friday, September 25, 2015
Members Meeting

Thursday, October 1, 2015
Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2015
Economic Impact Awards Luncheon

Thursday, December 10, 2015
Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch

Get Connected with MassEcon



UMass worked with MassINC to create *At the Apex: The 2030 Educational Attainment Forecast and Implications for Bay State Policymakers* which highlights the challenges we face as the "Baby Boom" generation ages out of the state's workforce and growth in the supply of college-educated workers stalls. Read the report [here](#).

The second annual **2014 Business Climate Survey** from the **495/MetroWest Partnership** reveals a high rate of optimism in the business community about improving economic conditions in the year ahead. Read more [here](#).

Bowditch & Dewey is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year! The firm also opened a new practice specifically for craft beer brewers. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Hinckley Allen selected Partner David J. Rubin to succeed Marc A. Crisafulli as the firm's Managing Partner. Crisafulli, who has led the firm since 2011, will be joining the leadership team at **Suffolk Construction**.

Transwestern | RBJ, Investment Consulting Associates and **MassDevelopment** were part of a panel of public and private sector experts at the **Understanding Site Selection** event in Newton this month. They provided insights into what companies are looking for and shared tips about the tools that are available to make a site attractive and competitive.

WPI hosted its Annual Energy Symposium which this year focused on "**Building the Talent Pipeline for the Energy Industry**." FERC Chairwoman Cheryl LaFleur presented keynote remarks. Click [here](#) to read more.

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

Projects

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MassEcon, MOBD, MassDevelopment and **Wyman Street Advisors** recently met with a Boston-based metal fabrication company that manufactures equipment for research universities. The company employs 30-49 people and will ultimately need 40,000 SF of industrial manufacturing space. The company will be considering all real estate possibilities within Route 128.

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

Staff in Action

Doug Kehlhem and **Susan Houston** presented MassEcon to the economic and community development directors of the Gateway Cities in the Commonwealth. The meeting was hosted by MassINC at the Greater Worcester Chamber of Commerce at the end of September. Click [here](#) to read the MassEcon blog on Gateway Cities and ReadyMass100.

Doug Kehlhem recently attended the **New Bedford Developer's Tour** and presented MassEcon to the New Boston Business Networking Group, chaired by Chuck Dwyer at **Middlesex Savings Bank**.

Annie O'Connell attended the Open House and tours for AccuRounds in Avon and EF Education First in Cambridge. Both companies recently expanded and will be recognized winners at the Economic Impact Awards Luncheon. Annie also attended the Northeastern University Co-op Recruitment Fair earlier this month in search of a new co-op to begin working with MassEcon starting in January 2015.



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