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MAKING **MOVES** IN MASSACHUSETTS

Expanding in MASS



Industrial manufacturer **NN, Inc.** will expand its manufacturing presence in Spring 2019 with **100K SF** in **Taunton** and up to **80 new jobs**. Read more [here](#).



After acquiring Veloxint Corporation, high tech aluminum production company **Braidy Industries** is expanding in **50K SF** at **Waltham** Research Park. The company plans to apply technology originated by Veloxint to produce stronger, lighter metals that can be used to make lighter vehicles, airplanes, and other forms of transportation. Read more [here](#).



Beginning in May, **Delta** will be flying non-stop from **Boston** to **Lisbon, Portugal**. Read more [here](#).



Timberyard Brewery expanded in **East Brookfield**. The brewery was converted from an old lumber store. Read more [here](#).



Westminster-based Wachusett Brewing Co. is planning an expansion that could nearly double the brewery's production and help attract more customers. Read more [here](#).



Education technology company **Examity**, which proctors tests online, expanded to a **15K SF** space in **Newton**. This expansion, which is fivefold its previous location, will allow the company to nearly triple its workforce. Read more [here](#).



Disco Hi-Tec, an international advanced technology company, moved from southern New Hampshire to **7K SF** in **Andover**. Read more [here](#).



Earlier this month, pharmaceutical company **Alexion** held the [ribbon tying](#) for its new **Boston** headquarters in the Seaport District with Massachusetts Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito, Travis McCready, President and CEO of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center, and others.

NEW Products & funding



Travel tech company **Hopper**, co-headquartered in Montreal and **Cambridge**, secured **\$100 million**. The company plans to double its current 200 person headcount. Read more [here](#).



ClimaCell, a 45-person **Boston**-based startup focused on precise weather data, secured **\$45 million**. The company is looking to expand its customers beyond aviation and into the autonomous vehicle and on-demand delivery space industries. Read more [here](#).



GE was awarded a **\$12.6 million** contract to develop cybersecurity technologies that mimic the human body fighting infections. This development will be able to detect, locate, and neutralize attacks on critical power systems, including wind turbines, national gas compression systems and other technologies. Read more [here](#).



Worcester Business Development Corporation's \$15 million award from the state will pave the way for a new biomanufacturing park. Read more [here](#).



Accion Systems, a **Charlestown**-based developer of satellite propulsion systems for the space industry, secured **\$3 million** which will be used to hire engineers and grow its team of approximately 30 employees. Read more [here](#).



Sense, a **Cambridge**-based startup that makes a home energy monitor, secured **\$18 million**. Read more [here](#).



Computer software company **Waltham**-based **Yottaa Inc.** secured **\$11 million** to support the next stage of its growth, including international expansion. Read more [here](#).



As it enters the clothing market, **Medford-based Silk Inc.**, the startup behind the Silk Therapeutics line of non-toxic skin care products, secured **\$30 million**. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based startup Algorand secured **\$62 million** and appointed high-profile tech executives, Steve Kokinos and Sean Ford, to lead its commercial effort. The company provides a foundation for existing businesses and new projects to operate globally in the emerging decentralized economy. Read more [here](#).



The Baker-Polito Administration and the **Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation** announced **\$2 million** in small business grants to more than 40 non-profit organizations across the state. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based DataRobot Inc. is the latest Massachusetts startup to secure a **\$100 million** round in 2018, bringing its lifetime funding to **\$225 million**. Read more [here](#).

Ambassadors @work



MLSC Program Calls...

The Massachusetts Life Sciences Center is now accepting applications for various programs which will provide grants for capital projects across multiple disciplines. Learn more [here](#).

15th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards!

On November 20, MassEcon will be honoring 15 Economic Impact Award winners from across the Commonwealth for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy in terms of job growth, investment, and facility expansion. Governor Charlie Baker will be the Featured Speaker and Lisa Hughes will be the Master of Ceremonies. Help celebrate these Massachusetts companies and register [here](#).



From the PawSox to the WooSox

MassEcon's Holiday Lunch will feature Dr. Charles Steinberg, President of the PawSox. His remarks will focus on the organization's move from Rhode Island to Worcester and the impact that it will have on the Massachusetts economy. Learn more [here](#).

2018 AIM Global Trade Symposium

Join international business executives and AIM for its third annual global trade symposium and awards breakfast on November 8 in Waltham. At the event, you will hear from keynote Robert Lawrence, Professor of International Trade and Investment at the Harvard Kennedy School, and learn from panelists about trade challenges and opportunities. Learn more [here](#).



Does Your Property Qualify for the ReadyMass 100?

As part of a comprehensive marketing program in partnership with the Commonwealth, MassEcon is looking to identify key real estate assets: properties that reflect a high level of marketability and will attract prospective companies and site selectors to consider Massachusetts as an expansion location. Deadline for submissions is November 9. Learn more [here](#).



Notes on the economy

MassBenchmarks' [October 11th Excerpts](#) report the continued expansion of the Massachusetts economy and growth of employment rates, but the Board continues to strongly encourage state policymakers to take direct action to address the issues that exacerbate income inequality and constrain our future growth.

According to the *MassBenchmarks Current Economic Index*, in the third quarter of 2018, real gross domestic product in Massachusetts grew at an estimated 3.3 annualized rate. Unemployment rates for both Massachusetts and nation remain low historically and well below pre-Great Recession levels. Learn more [here](#).

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