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IN BRIEF

MAKING MOVES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Expanding in MASS



Next year, **Boston**-based life sciences company **PureTech Health** will move its headquarters to a **51K SF** space in the **Seaport District's Innovation Square**. Read more [here](#).



Takeda Pharmaceuticals will close its U.S. sales office in Deerfield, Illinois and relocate approximately **1,000 employees** to the **Boston area** as the company plans to acquire Shire. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based cloud health storage company **Wasabi Technologies**, secured **\$68 million** and will open its first European data center later this year. Read more [here](#).



Hawaiian Airlines is now offering direct flights from **Boston's Logan International Airport** to **Honolulu, Hawaii**. Read more [here](#).



Set to open in the fall of 2019, **NBCUniversal** has broken ground on its **\$125 million, 160K SF** facility in **Needham** which will house **nearly 400 employees**. Read more [here](#).



Redemption Rock Brewing Co. is building out its **6K SF** space in the former Coca-Cola bottling plant on "Restaurant Row" in **Worcester**, which will mark the City's fifth brewery. Read more [here](#).



Danish pharma company **Novo Nordisk** plans to open its first Massachusetts location in **Cambridge** which will focus on R&D. Read more [here](#).



Work management software provider **Smartsheet** is tripling its office space in **Boston** to **more than 62K SF** with capacity for another 300 employees. Read more [here](#).



In **Beverly**, site work has begun for **Harmonic Drive LLC's 100K SF** manufacturing facility. Read more [here](#).



The official groundbreaking of the **Berkshire Life Sciences Innovation Hub** was held earlier this week in **Pittsfield**. The **20K SF** facility, which is primarily for small and medium-sized companies in life sciences, advanced manufacturing, and technology, will include training facilities, biotech wet lab space, clean rooms, office and event space. Read more [here](#).

NEW Products & funding



SPYCE

Launched by four MIT grads, robotic kitchen **Spyce**, based in **Boston**, secured **\$21 million** that will be used to open new restaurants on the East Coast and help the company continue to develop its robotic culinary platform. This past May, Spyce opened its first fast-casual, robot-powered eatery in Downtown Crossing. Read more [here](#).



TWENTYEIGHT-SEVEN

Cancer fighting **Cambridge-based 28-7 Therapeutics** secured **\$65 million** and will focus on RNA-modulating proteins to allow broader drug access to cells and tissues. Read more [here](#).



Startup **Mabl**, based in **Boston**, secured **\$20 million** so the company has access to the resources it needs to automate the testing of corporate software code for web applications. The company **employs about 30 people but is looking to hire about 40 more** by the end of 2019. Read more [here](#).



The **Baker-Polito Administration** awarded **\$3.4 million to 20 innovative, early stage, high-growth companies** in Massachusetts to help grow employment opportunities, promote manufacturing and commercialization, and stimulate innovation throughout the Bay State. Read more [here](#). The Administration also awarded nearly **\$3 million** in Small Business Direct Access Program grants from the Workforce Training Fund. [Read more here](#).



Mobius Imaging, a medical tech startup based in **Shirley** that makes medical devices for mobile computed tomography and medical imaging solutions, secured **\$25 million**. Read more [here](#).



UMass Amherst secured **\$3 million** to implement new diversity and equity policies that encourage women and minorities in STEM. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge-based Vecna Robotics secured **\$13.5 million**. Read more [here](#).



Machine learning startup, **Tamr**, which is based in **Cambridge** and focuses on helping big companies access and combine large amounts of data from multiple sources, secured **\$10 million**. With this funding, the company hopes to drive growth and customer success. Read more [here](#).



Material science startup **Lionano**, based in **Woburn**, secured **\$22 million** to improve the performance of batteries commonly found in mobile phones and electric cars. Read more [here](#).

Beta Bionics
Read more [here](#).



Indigo Agriculture secured **\$250 million** to build an online marketplace to connect farmers with buyers. The company **employs about 300 people** at its **Charlestown headquarters**, which is largely focused on research and development. Read more [here](#).

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The Future of Manufacturing Symposium

MassMEP will be holding its first regional event showcasing the emerging technologies being developed by the Manufacturing USA Institutes on October 4 in Worcester. Learn more [here](#).



MASS TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

21st Annual Mass Tech Leadership Awards Gala

Join hundreds of leaders from the Massachusetts tech community for an evening of celebration and networking for MassTLC's 21st Annual Mass Tech Leadership Awards on October 3 in Boston. Learn more [here](#).



Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award Finalist Pitch Session Videos

Watch the 1-minute pitches delivered earlier this month by the finalists for the Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards. These companies, chosen from a pool of over 100, have great stories to tell about their expansion in Massachusetts.



The Struggles and Success of Historic Redevelopment

On November 1, MEDC will be hosting this fall conference in Springfield to address the challenges and successes of historic development. Speakers will explain their experiences with redeveloping unique historic buildings and there will be a discussion on communities that are struggling due to conflict between code issues and historical compliance. Check out their [website](#) for more information.



Notes on the *economy*

Massachusetts employers are optimistic about the state and national economy, according to the August **AIM Business Confidence Index**. The index rose two points in August to 63.2. Read more [here](#). The August **unemployment rate** was also announced, remaining at **3.6% (which is lower than the national rate)**, indicating a positive economic outlook for the Commonwealth. Read more [here](#).

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