# MassEcon<sup>®</sup> is everything.





Dear Friends,

In July of 2021, MassEcon hosted its first in-person event since February of 2020. The Central Region Spotlight and Summer Reception were held at Worcester's Polar Park. This was an appropriate location because it highlighted the continuous economic development that is benefiting the Central Region. In this second pandemic-impacted year, the site location services provided by Mass Econ peaked in activity, with a historic number of prospects focused on Central Massachusetts and other suburban and outer-suburban areas. Of the 80+ projects in 2021, MassEcon assisted in 5 projects that were successes for Massachusetts, with the potential for 875 new jobs in 446,000 square feet of space. Over 40 projects are still active heading into 2022. This activity is a significant affirmation of a burgeoning Massachusetts economy. At this writing, Massachusetts' gross domestic product rose by 6.9% since Q4 of 2020. Massachusetts now has the second highest GDP per capita among all the states.

MassEcon takes pride in its role, as part of Team Massachusetts, in bringing the highest professional economic development standards to bear in support of new employer opportunities for Massachusetts. We are happy to report that collaboration among Team Massachusetts members has never been stronger — and this makes Massachusetts stronger as well.

In 2021, MassEcon benefited from the support provided by its membership of over 75 organizations. Program offerings to its members and guests continued and expanded, with 14 events featuring 43 speakers (including 29 member speakers) and over 800 attendees. We enhanced our ReadyMass 100 platform to deliver more economic data, increasing its value to our members and partners. Aware that we cannot succeed in our mission without the pursuit of economic equity, inclusion, and diversity, MassEcon affirmed this commitment in its by-laws and execution of the mission to create equitable opportunities throughout the Commonwealth.

We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that present themselves in 2022. As we conclude 2021, we thank our members, sponsors, and partners, all of whom make our continued success possible.

Sincerely,

Denise McGeough

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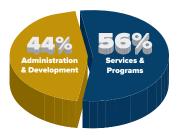
#### MassEcon Fiscal Report

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MassEcon is a statewide, non-profit economic development membership organization. Operating as MassEcon, it is actually two entities, the 501 C 6 Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development, Inc. and the 501 C 3 Massachusetts Economic Development Foundation.

MassEcon's reviewed consolidated financial statement for Fiscal Year 2020 (ending on June 31, 2020), showed revenue of \$736,790 and expenses of \$642,122. Its un-reviewed financials for Fiscal Year 2021, shows revenue of \$553,662 and expenses of \$553,293. Lower FY '21 revenue and expenses was due to the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

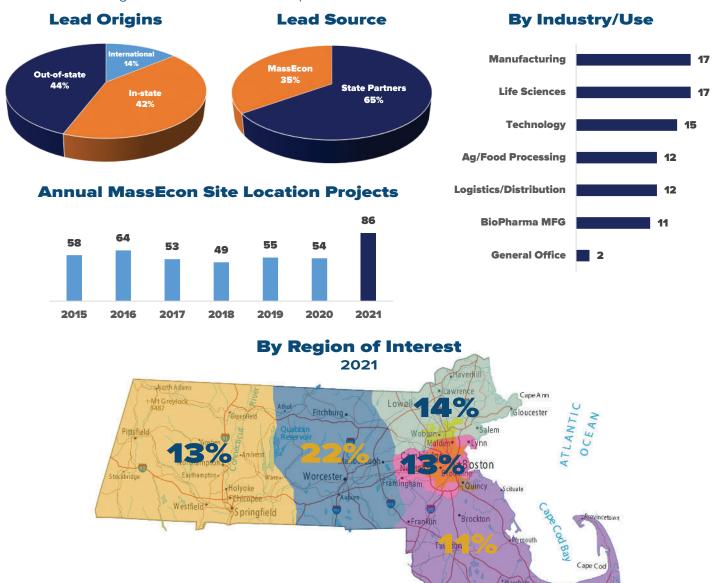
MassEcon Expenditures, FY '21



## **Site Location Services**

#### **2021 Projects Summary**

- MassEcon provided customized support to 86 prospect companies that were associated with approximately 12,000 projected jobs. Customers of MassEcon's Site Location Services sought 9.9 million SF of space and 1,300 acres of land.
- Under the Team Massachusetts umbrella, **13** MassEcon members volunteered services that included design, construction, real estate, labor force, and research expertise to companies considering Massachusetts as an expansion location.



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27% Statewide

## **Marketing Massachusetts**

Prevented by the pandemic in pursuing traditional marketing of Massachusetts at industry trade shows and site selector events around the nation, MassEcon continued its development of video and virtual-based marketing products disseminated via social media and directly to its database of 300+corporate site selection consultants around the world.

#### Central Massachusetts Spotlight, August 4



#### Northeast Massachusetts Spotlight, April 6



#### Corporate Welcome Brunch, June 9



#### ReadyMass 100 Property Showcase, July 27





17 new properties were added to the ReadyMass 100 inventory, MassEcon's premier tool for showcasing properties in Massachusetts. 680,000 s.f. of ReadyMass featured properties was absorbed in 2021. Over 935 new users visited the ReadyMass webpages this year, at over 2,610 page views.

Supported by BioMed Realty Discover here:



MassEcon plays an important role in promoting economic development across Massachusetts, providing vital business intelligence, recruitment and site selection services. We value this private-public sector partnership.

# **Marketing Massachusetts**

MassEcon continues to develop video content to showcase the advantages of Massachusetts as a business destination. For the Bio Digital Convention, the largest biotechnology event in the world in 2021, MassEcon produced the most popular video of the event's Global Marketplace segment. MassEcon continues to use the video, which was supported by King Street Properties, The Richmond Group, Janitronics Building Services, BioMed Realty Trust, and Galaxy Life Sciences, in marketing to the global life sciences community.







MassEcon uses its events as opportunities to develop content that can also be used to market Massachusetts beyond its borders. One example was the Central Region on the competitive advantages of Central Massachusetts as a business destination, which also yielded great testimonials that MassEcon has since used to showcase the region to national site selection consultants.



MassEcon Economic Research **Program** 

MassEcon produced one round of Business Intelligence Briefs for members this year, plus six customized reports for specific members. In addition, through two orientations, we introduced members and partners to our enhanced ReadyMass100 platform, that now offers them greater access to economic, business, labor market, and real estate data, with new graphics and state-of-the-art interactive mapping.

# **2021 Programming & Events**

- **6** Business Brunches
- **5** Forums
- 2 Regional Spotlights
- 1 ReadyMass 100 Showcase

800+ Attendees



#### **Business Brunch Series**

Higher Education Check-in

Are Massachusetts Incentives Competitive?

Leadership Changes

ReadyMass 100 Tutorial

Massachusetts Travel & Tourism: What's Next Post-Pandemic?

A Booming Life Science & Biotech Sector:

Opportunities and Challenges

#### Virtual Forums & Events

Regional Economic Spotlight: Northeast MA

Regional Economic Spotlight: Central MA

**Summer Reception** 

Annual Meeting & Holiday Reception

2021 MassEcon Economic Outlook

Massachusetts Corporate Welcome Brunch: Celebrating New

Massachusetts Company Arrivals

Massachusetts Business Incentives Primer

Advanced Manufacturing in Massachusetts

Finalists Showcase

ReadyMass 100 Showcase

#### 2021 Event Sponsors

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I feel fortunate and proud to be a MassEcon member, as it allows us to build long term and trusted relationships in all sectors of business and work together to reinforce that Massachusetts is the best place to start, grow, or locate a business. The mission of economic development for our state is so important and out team truly makes an impact.

- Tiffany Gallo, Vice President, Project Management, Cutler Associates