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14 GROWING MASSACHUSETTS FIRMS NAMED WINNERS OF TEAM MASSACHUSETTS IMPACT AWARDS

Watertown, MA – [MassEcon](#), the state’s private sector partner in promoting business growth in Massachusetts, today announced its [20th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award](#) winners, recognizing 14 companies for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. The companies were selected on the basis of job growth, facility expansion and investment, community involvement, and commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity initiatives since January 1, 2023. The winners span from Greater Boston to Western Massachusetts, range in size and are drawn from technology, life sciences, transportation, fulfillment, behavioral health, manufacturing, beverage, and more. They will be honored at a ceremony on April 11, 2024, at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, with Citizens as presenting sponsor.

“These awards answer the question, ‘Does Massachusetts ever thank organizations for investing in Massachusetts?’” stated Pete Abair, MassEcon Executive Director. “This year’s awardees have done so across the state in significant ways, regardless of size. We are honored to recognize their contributions to the Massachusetts economy.”

The winning companies (listed below) were selected after site visits, interviews with regional teams of judges, and one minute “pitches” at a Finalists Reception in Worcester earlier this month. The company expansion projects represent a financial investment more than \$1.1 billion, expanded their facilities by more than 1 million square feet, and added more than 750 jobs added to the state’s economy.

“In Massachusetts, we aim to be a leader in technology, life sciences, and manufacturing — and that requires attracting top-tier companies that drive innovation and growth in our state. We’re creating an environment where businesses can stay, grow and achieve their goals, leading to a stronger economy and stronger communities,” said Governor Maura Healey. “Congratulations to the recipients of the MassEcon 20th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award. Our administration is proud to have these businesses as vital partners in advancing job creation, community development, and economic expansion across the state.”

Metropolitan Cabinets & Countertops will be receiving its second Economic Impact Award and Interprint, will be receiving its fifth, for their Economic Impact Award for continued expansions throughout Massachusetts. Massport will be receiving its third Award, this year honored with a special recognition, the Massachusetts Economic Catalyst Award, for its expansion and modernization of Terminal E at Logan Airport in Boston. This is a unique award, having been presented only as a regional award once, 19 years ago. In the Central Region, Mass Biomedical Initiatives (MBI) will receive a Silver Award. MBI will also be the second awardee, in the Award’s 20-year history, to receive the Innovation Excellence Award. This award recognizes the continuing innovative evolution of the MBI model in propelling economic opportunity and growth in Massachusetts.

“Thank you to all of the winning companies for their continued investment in Massachusetts,” said Bonnie Sullivan, MassEcon Chair and Vice President at Middlesex Savings Bank. “We’re fortunate to have businesses representing a diversity of industries expanding throughout the state, adding jobs, and increasing their square footage in 2023.”

“This year’s winners have demonstrated their commitment to Massachusetts and they are powerful examples of the strength and range of successful companies that contribute to our economy,” said Lisa Murray, President of Citizens, Massachusetts. “Citizens is again proud to support MassEcon as it works tirelessly to help companies reach their full potential and to celebrate Massachusetts as the top destination for business.”

20TH ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD WINNERS - 2024

Region	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Central	Rentschler Biopharma, Inc. <i>Milford</i>	Rakks <i>Westborough</i>	Mass Biomedical Initiatives <i>Worcester</i>
Greater Boston	Entrada Therapeutics <i>Boston</i>	Bioversity <i>Dorchester</i>	
Northeast	Ultragenyx <i>Bedford</i>	Rapid Coatings, Inc. <i>Haverhill</i>	
Southeast	Walgreens Micro Fulfillment Center <i>Mansfield</i>	Globe Composite Solutions <i>Stoughton</i>	Metropolitan Cabinets & Countertops <i>Norwood</i>
West	Valley Springs Behavioral Health Hospital <i>Holyoke</i>	Hot Plate Brewing Company <i>Pittsfield</i>	Interprint <i>Pittsfield</i>
Special Awards	Massachusetts Economic Catalyst Award: Massport for Logan Airport Terminal E	Innovation Excellence Award: Mass Biomedical Initiatives	

ABOUT MassEcon

MassEcon’s mission is to promote and champion Massachusetts as the best place to start, grow and locate a business. Built upon a robust network of corporate and civic members, MassEcon convenes public and private sector leaders of industry to create an inclusive business ecosystem that enhances job growth across a diverse talent pool; promotes investment in all communities; expands equitable opportunities throughout the Commonwealth. www.massecon.com.

ABOUT Team Massachusetts

Team Massachusetts is the informal name given to a consortium of state and quasi-public economic development agencies, such as MassDevelopment, Mass Office of Business Development, MOITI, and the Mass Life Sciences Center, as well as private sector organizations focused on economic development in Massachusetts, such as MassEcon, MassBio, and MassMedic.

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