



#### AIS, INC. | CENTRAL | LEOMINSTER



Headquartered in Hudson, AIS is a furniture manufacturer specializing in high-end office systems at affordable prices. Its innovative production methods have earned the company numerous awards including Manufacturer of the Year for six consecutive years through the Office Furniture Dealers Alliance. Recognized as a leader in lean manufacturing, the 550-employee company expanded to a \$10 million 375,000 SF facility in Leominster to accommodate additional market demand, adding 150 jobs. AIS emphasizes environmental sustainability and is the first systems manufacturer to achieve CarbonNeutral® certification.

#### EF EDUCATION FIRST | GREATER BOSTON | CAMBRIDGE



EF, headquartered in Cambridge with 40,500 employees worldwide, is an international education company focusing on language, academics, and cultural experience. Starting with three employees in Cambridge in 1987, EF's Massachusetts employment grew exponentially during the following two decades prompting a national search for a HQ location in 2011. EF chose to remain in Massachusetts, investing \$125 million in a new 295,000 SF 21st century HQ in Cambridge's North Point, accommodating 850 employees. In addition, EF employs 100 in Brighton and plans to add at least 200 more full-time staff to its workforce between 2015 and 2017.

#### HYDROID | SOUTHEAST | POCASSET



Hydroid, located on Cape Cod and a subsidiary of Kongsberg Maritime, is a market leader specializing in the design, manufacture, and support of autonomous underwater vehicles (AUVs) and marine robotics. The company, founded in 2001 and currently employing 128, recently opened a new \$15 million, 40,000 SF facility in Pocasset to house Hydroid's engineering, manufacturing, and quality assurance operations. The company has grown by 33% over the last three years and hired 71 people since January 1, 2013.

#### KEURIG GREEN MOUNTAIN, INC. | NORTHEAST | BURLINGTON



Keurig Green Mountain, headquartered in Vermont, is a recognized leader in specialty coffee beverages, innovative brewing technology, and socially responsible business practices. The New England-based company has revolutionized beverage preparation at home and in the workplace and boasts eight production and distribution facilities across the U.S. and Canada. Keurig's new 296,000 SF Burlington, Massachusetts facility houses the company's brewer innovation hub, consolidating space from Reading and Wakefield into one Massachusetts location. The \$115 million facility, completed in July, accommodates 700 employees, with 200 having been hired since January 1, 2013.

#### SINICON PLASTICS | WEST | DALTON



Sinicon Plastics is a custom injection molder which has serviced the medical, military, aerospace and industrial markets with plastic and silicone component parts and assemblies since 1968. In 2009 Sinicon invested \$2 million with the help of MassDevelopment to purchase and renovate a 35,000 SF building, of which Sinicon occupied 25,000 SF. In 2013 Sinicon doubled its sales (from \$2 to \$4 million) and employees (from 25 to 50). Since 2013 the company has invested \$750,000, with support from the Massachusetts Economic Development Incentive Program, on eight new thermoplastic machines, two new silicone machines, and renovations on the last 10,000 SF.



operate more efficiently, expand its workforce, and provide customers with additional services and product offerings.

**Asahi/America, founded in 1973, is a manufacturer and distributor of thermoplastic valves and piping systems**, products used for the control, transmission, and containment of corrosive fluids and high purity liquids. After experiencing significant growth, in March 2014 the company purchased a building in Lawrence for headquarters, manufacturing, and distribution, doubling its size from 91,000 SF to 182,000 SF and investing \$17.5 million in the expansion. The new facility will enable the company to house 140 employees,

#### BIOGEN IDEC | GREATER BOSTON | CAMBRIDGE



**Biogen Idec is the oldest independent biotechnology company in the world, with a focus on MS and hemophilia.** In July and November of 2013, after relocating its headquarters from Weston, the company took occupancy of two new buildings in Cambridge totaling 500,000 SF. In the last year and a half, Biogen Idec has experienced enormous success and growth, with approval of three medications in 2014 alone. On the job front, the company relocated 530 employees from Weston and added 827 new jobs in Cambridge since January of 2013.

#### MATOUK | SOUTHEAST | FALL RIVER



**Matouk, celebrating its 85th anniversary and headquartered in Fall River, is a third-generation family-owned business that manufactures luxury bedding and bath linens for a high-end national market.** Having nearly doubled employment since 2009, in October 2014 the company opened its doors to an expanded \$8 million facility in Fall River, adding 40,000 SF to its existing 47,000 SF plant and creating a campus environment for its 98 employees. The company, a model of innovation in the textile industry, anticipates adding 45 new employees in the next five years.

#### NUCLEA BIOTECHNOLOGIES | WEST | PITTSFIELD



**Nuclea Biotechnologies, which researches, develops and manufactures diagnostic tests for cancer and diabetes**, was the only company in Western Massachusetts to receive funding from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center in 2014. Since January 1, 2013, the company's Pittsfield location added 10 jobs. In addition to its 43 employees and 5,000 SF headquarters in Pittsfield, Nuclea maintains offices in Worcester and Cambridge where it employs another 27 people. For the past several years, the biotechnology services company has participated in the MLSC's Internship Challenge Program.

#### QUEST DIAGNOSTICS | CENTRAL | MARLBOROUGH



**Quest Diagnostics is the world's leading provider of diagnostic information services that patients and doctors need to make better healthcare decisions.** In 2014, the company opened a 200,000 SF state-of-the-art clinical test laboratory in Marlborough to serve New England. Dubbed the "lab of the future" for its innovative use of technology and building design, the facility provides a range of clinical testing services for cancer, heart disease, and other diseases. It includes the company's Athena Diagnostics business, a leading provider of advanced testing for neurological and rare disorders.

## BRONZE winners

### CROWN UNIFORM & LINEN SERVICE | SOUTHEAST | BROCKTON



**Crown Uniform & Linen Service, a family-owned business founded in 1914, is a commercial laundry that provides high quality services to companies and institutions throughout New England.** Consolidating two Massachusetts

locations into one facility in Brockton, Crown held a groundbreaking in 2013 for its \$12 million 94,000 SF plant which features technologies and equipment designed for efficiency and minimal environmental impact. The Brockton location will enable the company to retain its existing 100 person workforce, and the company hopes to add a minimum of five new jobs over the next five years.

### ENTEGRIS | NORTHEAST | BEDFORD



**Entegris is a \$1 billion global technology company with 350 of its 3,500 employees based in Massachusetts.** Headquartered in Billerica, Entegris makes products and materials used in highly advanced manufacturing environments such as those found in the semiconductor industry. Entegris's solutions make the next generation of electronics available and affordable. Consolidating manufacturing and

R&D operations in Bedford, the company invested \$55 million in a 80,000 SF state-of-the-art facility. Because of the engineering-centric culture of the company, proximity to local engineering and manufacturing talent was key to the decision to reinvest in Massachusetts.



**Menck Windows, a U.S. corporation founded in 2013, designs and manufactures finely-crafted energy-efficient windows and doors** for an international client base.

In establishing a presence in the American market, the company chose Chicopee for its U.S. headquarters, drawing on the city's proximity to major highways and the Northeast market. Liesenfeld International provided Menck with \$5 million in start-up capital and Mass Development and Boston Private Bank provided the company with \$5 million for the equipping of its 75,000 SF production facility. Menck will be starting construction in January 2015.

### PALL LIFE SCIENCES | CENTRAL | WESTBOROUGH



**Pall Life Sciences, a unit of the Fortune 500 Company Pall Corporation, is a leading provider of filtration, separation and purification systems to the life sciences industry.** In the spring of 2013, the company opened

the 131,000 SF \$5 million New England Life Sciences Center of Excellence in Westborough, employing 115 people, and with a capacity for more than 200. The facility complements the company's west coast center in Menlo Park, California, and serves as the technical hub for operations in the Northeast. Having transferred operations from Northborough, the Center remains firmly embedded in the MetroWest region.

### PFIZER | GREATER BOSTON | CAMBRIDGE



**Pfizer, employing 2,100 in Massachusetts, is one of the world's premier biopharmaceutical companies.** Its new \$50 million 280,000 SF R&D hub in Cambridge, where Pfizer has consolidated operations, positions the company squarely in the Boston-Cambridge biopharmaceutical cluster. Its new Kendall Square facility

adds to Pfizer's research and manufacturing site in Andover and a global headquarters in Boston for its Centers for Therapeutic Innovation. Pfizer is committed to creating a network of academic-industry research hubs designed to bridge the gap between early scientific discovery and translation into new medicines.

# Community *heroes*

## ACCUROUNDS | AVON

**Founded in 1976, AccuRounds is a contract manufacturer that machines and assembles precision turned components.** The company's leadership has been a passionate advocate for manufacturing in Massachusetts. A pioneer in lean manufacturing, AccuRounds is a recipient of the Shingo Prize — referred to as the “Nobel Prize of Manufacturing” by Business Week — and the company continues to be recognized for leadership in promoting advanced manufacturing, workforce training, STEM education, vocational education, and ambassadorship. AccuRounds recently completed a significant expansion in southeastern Massachusetts.

## PLUMCHOICE | LOWELL

**PlumChoice is the leading specialized technical services provider, delivering white-glove sales, care and technical support services** to consumers and small businesses on behalf of large brands. With 250 employees in Massachusetts, PlumChoice has been an exemplary corporate citizen in developing its own workforce and providing hands-on experience to Massachusetts students. Partnering with institutions including Shawsheen Tech, Middlesex Community College, and the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology, PlumChoice leads by example in strengthening the Commonwealth's STEM initiatives and providing technical students with paid, experiential learning opportunities that enable them to pursue careers in technology.

## UNIQURE | LEXINGTON

**uniQure is a pioneering gene therapy company that focuses on bringing cutting edge innovation to the life sciences market.** The company, headquartered in Amsterdam, established a US presence in 2013 with a 53,000 SF manufacturing facility in Lexington, the largest AAV gene therapy dedicated manufacturing plant in the world. uniQure is the first and only gene therapy product to receive regulatory approval in the West and is expected to start GMP production in 2015.