JANUARY 2019



MassEcon's Newest Members in 2019!

The <u>Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce</u> and <u>Colliers</u> <u>International</u> are the latest organizations to join MassEcon membership. Wendy Northcross, CEO of the Chamber, will be the primary contact, and the primary contact at Colliers will be Jessica Sawyer, Executive Vice President of Operations. Welcome to MassEcon!



Madeline Hayman and Leah Cerilli joined MassEcon this month as spring semester interns. Madeline is a junior at Brandeis University studying Sociology, English, and Business; and Leah is a senior at Boston University studying International Relations. Welcome Madeline and Leah!

Join a Committee in 2019

There are exciting ways to get more involved in MassEcon . . . join a Committee. Whether you're interested in or have expertise in Membership & Marketing, Programs & Events, Location Intelligence, Government Relations, or Next Gen leadership, we have a spot for you. Learn more here.









Mass Econ Committees

Membership & Marketing Location Intelligence Programs & Events Government Relations Next Gen

3 New Properties Added to ReadyMass 100

These three new properties were recently added to the ReadyMass 100 portfolio:

- 135 American Legion Highway in Revere
- Hobbs Brook Office Park in Waltham
- 325 Lincoln Street in Marlborough

Read the event press release here.

Support MassEcon with a 2019 Sponsorship

MassEcon is planning and organizing the three site selector events this year in Dallas (in February), Chicago (in May), and New York (in June). Learn more about sponsoring these events here.



Would you like to showcase your company's space? Do you have knowledge in an industry that you'd like to share with other members...and bring other leaders into the conversation? Contact <u>Annie</u> to discuss hosting a roundtable this year.







Upcoming Events

January Members Meeting: Outlook for the 2019 Massachusetts Economy

Who: Alan Clayton-Matthews

When: Friday, January 18, 2019

Where: 200 Friberg Parkway, Westborough (Second Floor

Conference Room)

RSVP to Annie







CBRE recently welcomed Jodie Poirier to its leadership team. She formerly led the South Bay offices in California, and is now managing director in Boston. Read more <u>here.</u>

After years of leading NAIOP Massachusetts as Executive Director, MassEcon board member **David Begelfer**, recently launched his own real estate service firm: CRE Strategic Advisors.

BSC Group's David Biancavilla and Sean Ewald were promoted to the position of principal. Read more <u>here</u>.

2018 Economic Impact Award winner home décor distributor **Wayfair**, is planning on coming to **Pittsfield** and bringing 300 jobs with it. Wayfair CEO Niraj Shah, a Pittsfield native, is excited to bring operations to Western Mass. Read more here.

The Greater Boston Chamber of

Commerce announced the appointment of Yvonne Garcia, State Street Corporation Global Head of Client Solutions and Project Management, as the new chair of its Women's Network Advisory Board. Read more <u>here</u>.

GZA GeoEnvironmental Senior Principal Lawrence Feldman had been elected President of the Board of the Mystic River Watershed Association. Read more <u>here</u>.

After joining **Tighe & Bond** more than four years ago as CFO, Robert Belitz is the firm's new President and CEO. Read more <u>here</u>.

Hinckley Allen welcomed <u>Robin S. Malloy</u> as Counsel to the Firm's Real Estate Group. Robin is an experienced real estate attorney with knowledge from her experience as both in-house and outside counsel. Read more <u>here</u>.

#2902: Project Independence II, MassEcon, EDC of Western Mass, and MOBD are working with a location consultant based in Memphis representing a client (HQ outside the Northeast) that needs a location for a Northeast distribution center. Total facility build-out will be 1 million SF on 80 acres. 200-300 employees hired locally. Update: The consulting team visited Southwick for a second time last week. Local, regional, and state officials were all in attendance as the consultants took a second look at the 90-acre site on College Highway. The field has been narrowed down to three

properties, two in NY and one in MA.

----In Action---

In his first weeks as MassEcon's new Executive Director, **Pete Abair** has been meeting extensively with MassEcon members and partners, as far ranging as Interprint and the EDC of Western Massachusetts to Massport and the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, Pete was a featured speaker at the North Central Chamber of Commerce's "Good Morning Breakfast" in Leominster and participated in a "Meet and Greet Luncheon" with the South Shore EDC in Rockland.

Doug Kehlhem has been working on plans and logistics for out-of-state marketing receptions in Dallas, Chicago, and New York. He has been travelling to Southwick, MA for meetings with Project Independence II. He also recently met with the staff at the Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce and MassMEDIC regarding future partnerships with MassEcon around business recruitment.

Annie O'Connell has been training the new interns and preparing for the year ahead!

2019 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JAN 18

Members Meeting

Featured Speaker: Alan Clayton-Matthews Outlook for the 2019 Massachusetts Economy

FEB 7

Board Meeting

MAR 15

Members Meeting

APR 4

Board Meeting

APR 10

Corporate Welcome Reception

APR 23

MassEcon Mixer

MAY 17

Members Meeting

JUN 6

Board Meeting

JUN 14

Annual Conference

JUL 10

Summer Reception

SEP 11

Economic Impact Awards - Finalists Reception

SEP 27

Members Meeting

OCT 3

Board Meeting

NOV 26

Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards

DEC 12

Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch

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