



Welcome New Members: Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and Avison Young!

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission is one of the latest organizations to join MassEcon membership. Nate Robertson, Community and Economic Development Planner, will be the company's primary member contact.

Commercial real estate services firm Avison Young has also joined MassEcon. Kevin Malloy, a Principal at AY, will be the company's primary member contact.



Call for Nominations: Economic Impact Awards

We're accepting nominations for the 16th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards, an exceptional event that recognizes growing companies for their contributions to the state's economy. Help us choose our honorees by nominating great companies! Nominate a company [here](#). Thank you to Presenting Sponsor [Citizens Bank](#).

NOMINATE

MassEcon on the Road: Chicago

MassEcon was in Chicago earlier this month, hosting a reception for site location consultants, and visiting the autonomous vehicle companies exhibiting at the AUVSI trade show at the McCormick Center. Thank you to Chris McDade at the Marlborough EDC for attending and sponsoring the reception, and Kelly Arvidson with MassDevelopment for attending and providing exhibitor passes to the trade show for the team.



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Upcoming Events

MassEcon Annual Conference Change: Recognizing, Adapting, Crafting Change to Advance Massachusetts Economic Leadership



From casinos to cannabis, craft beer to cell therapies, the Seaport and Kendall Square, much was unforeseen just a decade ago. How has Massachusetts both fostered and adapted to change? Moderated by Carolyn Jones, Market President and Publisher of the *Boston Business Journal*, the panel will include:

- Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Mike Kennealy
- Dougan Sherwood, President and CEO, Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce
- Lauren Jones, State Director, Apprenti
- Rick Sullivan, President and CEO, Western Mass Economic Development Council

When: Friday, June 14; 7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Where: Newton Marriott Hotel - 2345 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton

Thank you to event lead sponsor [Santander](#) and partner sponsor [BSC Group](#).

Register [here](#)

MassEcon Summer Reception

Join fellow members for a summer celebration and networking.

When: Wednesday, July 10; 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

RSVP to [Annie](#)



On June 8-9, **MassMEDIC** is partnering with DeviceTalks to highlight the Massachusetts medical device ecosystem at DeviceTalks Boston. Read more [here](#).

Eversource Energy welcomed Joe Mitchell as its new Community Relations and Economic Development Specialist. Read more [here](#).

WPI is collaborating with the PawSox to create new technology modernizing the ballpark experience. Read more [here](#).

The latest report by **CBRE** shows a strong start to 2019 for the Greater Boston corporate real estate market. Read more [here](#).

NAIOP is hosting its 31st Anniversary Golf Tournament and Beach Blast After Party on June 18, benefiting Heading Home, which supports low income families and the homeless. Read more [here](#). Additionally, NAIOP and SIOR are hosting their Mid-year Market Roundup on May 29 featuring a panel of experts on office, multi-family, and capital markets. Read more [here](#).

The **Worcester Regional Chamber of Commerce's** StartUp Worcester initiative announced 12 startup companies as winners of this year's cohort. Read more [here](#).

MassBio and **UMass Amherst** are partnering on an incubator to provide life sciences in Western MA with more abundant and affordable access to research equipment. Read more [here](#).

MassDevelopment and the **City of Framingham** are partnering to transform a vacant parking lot into a neighborhood park. Read more [here](#).

Eastern Bank won this year's *Boston Business Journal's* Business of Pride Corporate Ally Award for its support of the LGBT community. Read more [here](#).



#2927: Project Iris

MassEcon, MOBD, MLSC, MassBio, and MassDevelopment are working with a Chicago-based site consultant representing a biopharmaceutical manufacturer considering MA and other states. The company will have a 180,000-250,000 SF facility. The consultant and company officials recently visited Massachusetts to tour real estate options and meet with employers. Properties in Devens, Boxborough, and Waltham are being evaluated as potential locations for the project.

Update: MassEcon has heard from the site consultant, and next steps for this project will be decided by mid-June.

#2902: Project Independence II

MassEcon, EDC of Western Mass, and MOBD are working with a location consultant based in Memphis representing a client (based in Memphis) that needs a location for a Northeast distribution center. Total facility build-out will be near 1-million SF. 230 employees hired locally.

Update: Unfortunately, MA lost this project to upstate NY. The site consultant informed the team that incentives and timing with securing a sewer easement were the limiting factors for the Southwick, MA site. The team (with the property owner) had a meeting to de-brief the project and better prepare for the next one.

Middlesex Savings Bank announced a re-opening of its Concord branch after partnering with Margulies Perruzzi, one of New England's top architectural and interior design firms. Read more [here](#).

Hunneman Executive Vice President Mike DiGiano was recently selected as the new Executive Director of the Falmouth Economic Development and Industrial Corporation. Read more [here](#).

Please send Member News to [Annie](#)

Staff *In Action*

Pete Abair will be a featured speaker at the Association of Bioscience Financial Officers International Conference on May 28. Appearing in a conversation with Jon Chesto of *The Boston Globe*, Pete's segment is titled "Boston's winning ways: The Secrets behind Massachusetts' Biotech Industry Success".

Doug Kehlhem recently returned from Chicago after hosting a reception for site location consultants and autonomous vehicle companies exhibiting at the AUVSI trade show at the McCormick Center. The next reception for location consultants will be held in New York City on June 12 during the Medical Device and Manufacturing East trade show. VHB, Cutler Associates, and Marlborough EDC will be our generous sponsors for this reception. If you are interested in being a sponsor please contact Doug Kehlhem: dkehlhem@massecon.com

Annie O'Connell attended the opening of Servier Pharmaceuticals in Boston and Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce Women's Leadership Program. She is preparing for the Annual Conference and compiling nominees for the Economic Impact Awards. Annie is also working with Habitat for Humanity in MetroWest on ways that MassEcon's NextGen Committee can volunteer with the organization this summer.

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
Featured Speaker; Steve Kadish, Future of
Transportation Commission Report

APR 3

Corporate Welcome Reception

APR 4

Board Meeting

MAY 1

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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