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# IN BRIEF

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## Notes on the economy

**CBRE Group, Inc. announced that it has been named to Fortune's America's 2023 Most Innovative Companies roster**, which recognizes U.S. companies "at the forefront of innovation." Only 2% of the companies evaluated are deemed "most innovative" and CBRE is the only commercial real estate services company to receive this recognition. [Read more here.](#)

**Massachusetts is the world's healthcare leader** because of the university-affiliated medical centers that pioneered anesthesia, infant formula, cardiac surgery and organ transplants. From the beginnings of computer technology to the mapping of DNA, the researchers and students at our colleges and universities have driven innovation and invention to change the world. [Read more here.](#)

**Mayor Domenic J. Sarno applauds and commends top Judiciary officials for stating their support for the construction of a new state-of-the-art courthouse in**

**Springfield** during a recent budget hearing held by the Joint Committee on Ways and Means on April 4th at Springfield Technical Community College, which was co-chaired by state Senator Adam Gomez and state Representative Bud Williams. [Read more here.](#)

**As Boston's life sciences market continues to grow to meet the demand of the companies moving to the region**, unexpected clusters are beginning to form in areas where the cost of development and living is significantly lower. [Read more here.](#)

**Massachusetts lawmakers are considering a new law** that would offer financial incentives to companies with four-day workweeks, citing more evidence that it increases productivity and morale. [Read more here.](#)

Governor Maura Healey and Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll joined Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao, Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) President and CEO Kenn

Turner, and President of Takeda's U.S. Business Unit and U.S. Country Head Julie Kim, to **formally launch the expansion of the Massachusetts Next Generation (MassNextGen) Initiative**, a public-private partnership to support underrepresented entrepreneurs in the Massachusetts life sciences ecosystem. [Read more here.](#)

**For the first time since 2019, Massachusetts farmers were celebrated at the Statehouse on Massachusetts Agriculture Day.** [Read more here.](#)

**Mount Wachusett Community College's Leominster campus welcomed legislators and community leaders** on April 4 to celebrate the completion of an extensive eight-month renovation, which welcomed students and staff for the spring semester in February. [Read more here.](#)

**21 Springfield teachers have been named as this year's recipients of the Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award.** [Read more here.](#)



**The University of Massachusetts Amherst opened an \$8 million expansion to its Cranberry Research Station in East Wareham.** The station is a place for research and outreach to assist the Massachusetts cranberry industry. [Read more here.](#)

**The City of Marlborough is currently in negotiations with Moderna over a potential new manufacturing facility to be built at 149 Hayes Memorial Drive.** In a letter to [Mayor Arthur Vigeant](#), Moderna Senior Vice President of Manufacturing Scott Nickerson wrote that the company anticipates investing as much as \$450 million in a new facility in Marlborough to help handle the company's anticipated growth. As a MassEcon member, the Marlborough Economic Development Corporation (EDC) is an active participant in this project. [Read more here.](#)

**MassDevelopment has issued \$232,415,000 in tax-exempt Sustainability Bonds on behalf of Boston Medical Center (BMC),** which will use proceeds to finance several capital projects, including the renovation and expansion of existing facilities at its primary campus in Boston's South End neighborhood. [Read more here.](#)

**Azzur Cleanrooms on Demand™**, a market-leading provider for early-phase life sciences GxP manufacturing, celebrated its support of life sciences in Massachusetts with a widely-attended groundbreaking ceremony in Devens on April 27. [Read more here.](#)

**The Healey-Driscoll Administration announced that the administration is awarding \$2.5 million to expand green job training and education in Massachusetts.** [Read more here.](#)



**Boston has expanded its tuition-free community college program** to include all city residents regardless of age, income or immigration status. [Read more here.](#)

**The Healey administration and Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC) have announced two new grant programs** to support small businesses. These two new grant programs will total \$78 million for funding to support Massachusetts small businesses. [Read more here.](#)

**Gov. Maura Healey is set to reauthorize the state's Life Sciences Initiative**, paving the way for a third iteration of a multimillion-dollar spending bill to incentivize the growth of the state's biopharmaceutical industry. [Read more here.](#)

The Western Massachusetts Alliance for Digital Equity will receive \$5.1 million from the state's Digital Equity Partnerships Program. Elders will be able, once trained, to avail themselves telehealth, online benefit applications, email and other Internet programs that most people consider indispensable. [Read more here.](#)

MassDevelopment and HarborOne Bank have teamed up to provide \$11.3 million in loan financing for the redevelopment of a former mill and manufacturing facility in downtown Attleboro, Massachusetts. [Read more here.](#)

## Partners @work



The South Shore Chamber of Commerce is pleased to **welcome NVNA and Hospice into its 2023 Partnership Circle**. As the largest business organization, the South Shore Chamber is in a unique position to strengthen the South Shore's and its residents' future, and the Partnership Circle is key to moving this mission. As a not-for-profit, they rely on strong private sector leadership which is why they are so pleased to welcome CEO Renee McInnes and NVNA and Hospice to their circle of over 50 other leading businesses. [Read more here.](#)



The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MassBio) **announced the appointment of six life sciences executives to the organization's Board of Directors** who were formally voted in at the State of Possible Conference. These members will direct and support MassBio's mission to advance Massachusetts' leadership in the life sciences to grow the industry, add value to the healthcare system, and improve patient lives. [Read more here.](#)



The Northampton City Council on Community Resources met on April 24 to hear updates on the **city's Vibrancy Project**. The coalition is led by the Greater Northampton Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, which is a group of 40 community volunteers and business owners, and the Downtown Northampton Association (DNA), in partnership with the city and other organizations, influencers and stakeholders. [Read more here.](#)



MassDevelopment will be directing \$25,978,000 in the form of a tax-exempt bond that will be utilized to construct an **85-unit affordable rental housing structure in the Boston Chinatown neighborhood**. "A key piece to solving the state's housing crisis is reimagining underutilized spaces and recognizing the development potential of such properties," MassDevelopment president and CEO Dan Rivera said in a statement. "Beacon Communities and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England are doing just that to deliver 85 affordable apartments in Boston's Chinatown neighborhood." [Read more here.](#)

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