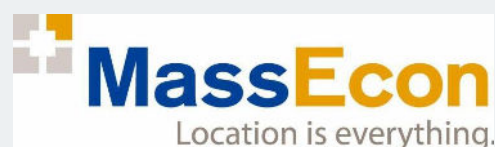




Check Out Our Re-vamped Website

You'll be receiving information from us shortly on how to utilize the new website as a member, including how to interact with other members, share your company's contact, pay dues, register for events, and more. Visit our website: <http://www.massecon.com>



Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch Highlights

Last week, nearly 70 MassEcon members gathered for the Annual Meeting and Holiday Lunch at the UMass Club in Boston to re-cap the year and hear a presentation from MA Convention Center Authority Executive Director David Gibbons. You can read the [Year End Report](#), and view the presentation by David Gibbons [here](#). Click [here](#) for photos and check out the press release [here](#) highlighting the new elected MassEcon officials.



Team MA Economic Impact Awards Highlights

Approximately 350 business leaders and public officials from all parts of Massachusetts gathered for the 16th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards. Watch recently released [videos](#) from the event. Click [here](#) to learn more about the winning companies, view event photos, read the event press release, and read the blog from Mass It's All Here. It's not too early to nominate a growing company for 2020...you can do so [here](#)! Thank you to Presenting Sponsor [Citizens Bank](#)!



Welcome New Members!

Whether you are a visitor, a relocater, a new or growing business, **1Berkshire** is here to help you understand the Berkshire landscape. Visitors plan your trip with berkshires.org. Relocators, businesses, and entrepreneurs, visit 1berkshire.com to learn how they can support you. Let 1Berkshire be your entry point into the Berkshires. The primary member contact is Ben Lamb, Director of Economic Development. The **Metro South Chamber of Commerce** is a private, non-profit business association based in Brockton. The Chamber supports and promotes the local business community through leadership in public advocacy, education, networking, research, and community development. The Chamber serves nearly 1,000 member businesses of all sizes from virtually all industries. Chartered in 1913, it has evolved into the region's oldest and leading economic development and business advocacy organization. The Metro South Chamber is a charter member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and is one of only a few in New England accredited by the U.S. Chamber. The primary member contact is Chris Cooney, President & CEO.

SGA is an award-winning architecture, interior design, planning and branded environments practice. Winner of Fast Company "Most Innovative Companies" award for architecture, SGA embodies tech-forward design that redefines how projects are visualized and delivered. The primary member contact is Stephen Hassell, Vice President of Business Development. **Wayfair**, a Massachusetts-born technology company that has redefined the way people shop for their homes, has more than 6,000 full-time employees in the Commonwealth, and continues to grow its presence in Boston and beyond. Founded in 2002, when Niraj Shah and Steve Conine recognized an opportunity to provide consumers a better way to shop for home online, Wayfair has become one of the world's largest online destinations for the home, offering more than 14 million products across five distinct brands - Wayfair.com, AllModern, Birch Lane, Joss & Main, and Perigold. The primary member contact is Derek Oliver, Director of Government and Industry Affairs.

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Travel with MassEcon to San Francisco, New York, and Minneapolis!

February 4-6, 2020: Host a Reception for Site Selectors in San Francisco and attend SPIE Photonics West

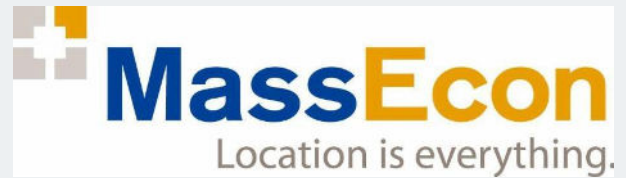
June 9-11, 2020: Host a Reception for Site Selectors in New York and attend MD&M East

October TBD, 2020: Host a Reception for Site Selectors in Minneapolis and attend MD&M Midwest

Contact [Doug Kehlhem](#) with questions and interest: 617-924-4600 x112

Team Massachusetts Gathering to Celebrate the Holidays!

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 and MassBio.



WPI received a five-year, \$3-million National Science Foundation to fund training for 120 graduate students. Read more [here](#). WPI professor Haichong Zhang received a nearly \$2 million grant to fund his research. Read more [here](#). Andrew Trapp, associate professor at WPI received a \$63,730 supplemental grant from the National Science Foundation. Read more [here](#). Additionally, a recycling robots project at WPI received \$2.5 million from the National Science Foundation. Read more [here](#).

The North Central Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce and its economic development arm, **the North Central Massachusetts Development Corporation**, launched a new localized online jobs board to help connect job seekers to employers. Read more [here](#).

Dacon Corporation designed and built a geodome in response to a request from Make-A-Wish. Edward, an 11-year-old in Dover, bequeathed an open ended wish for something to be designed benefiting children's imagination to Chickering



#2965: Project Cardinal: MassEcon and partners are working with a Chicago-based consultant representing a 600,000 SF manufacturing prospect, 130 jobs, \$100M 4-year investment. Considering a 125-mile radius of Albany. Two sites in Chicopee and one in Charlton are being considered.

#2943: MassEcon and partners have assisted Commonwealth Fusion Power who is collaborating with MIT's Plasma Science and Fusion Center (PSFC) to site a facility for the world's first machine that will prove the viability of commercial fusion power. CFS and MIT's PSFC are seeking to build a state-of-the-art facility. A 150,000 SF facility will be built on 30 acres. **Update: CFS has selected their Top 2 sites: Devens and Newington, NH.**

Elementary. Only 1% - 4 children in MA – will bequeath their wish to others this year. The final concept was a 15 x 8 foot internal, accessible geodome housing virtual reality equipment so the children could create art, read books, play games and listen to music. Read more [here](#). Dacon received two Metl-Span awards for recently completed suburban projects. Building of the Year was awarded to 54 Middlesex Turnpike in Bedford for its dramatic transformation of a 30-year-old, 46,800 SF office building. Building of the Month was awarded to the Boston Sports Institute project for its use of metal panels as an all-encompassing solutions to the client's aesthetic and functional needs across challenging climate conditions. The most recent recipient of Dacon's scholarship for one full-time Wentworth undergraduate student focused in construction management or a related field with good academic standing goes to Gavin Brill.

CBRE announced that three leases totaling 22K SF of lab space have been executed at 451 D Street in Boston. Read more [here](#). CBRE and SemaConnect completed the largest installation of 1,100 electric vehicle charging stations in 15 major U.S. metros, including 11 stations in Boston. Read more [here](#).

The Vineyard Wind project promises environmental benefits and will create thousands of jobs across the region. **The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce** expects about 800 megawatts of renewable energy that will power up to 400,000 homes. Read more [here](#).

SGA unveiled the Vertical Cluster: a first-of-its-kind life sciences facility design fitted for today's tight urban spaces. Read more [here](#).

MassWorks granted \$2 million for the Lincoln Street Revitalization Project in hopes of encouraging development in **Marlborough**. Read more [here](#).

Forbes and JUST Capital name **Eversource Energy** as one of America's Most JUST Companies for 2020. Read more [here](#).

The Medical School at **UMass** is expanding with new high-powered microscope equipment in Worcester. Read more [here](#).

New Hires!

Avison Young hired Jason Levendusky as its newest principal. Read more [here](#). **Colliers** hired Joseph Naughton as Managing Director based in the Boston office. Read more [here](#). **Frank Petz** is joining **Colliers International** as the veteran broker to lead its investment sales division. Read more [here](#). Eric Keune joined the Boston studio of **Perkins + Will** as design director. Read more [here](#). The **South Shore Chamber of Commerce** announced Jill Donovan as Director of Developments. Read more [here](#). Dr. Kimi Kobayashi was appointed the new chief quality officer at **UMass**. Read more [here](#). The **City of Framingham** appointed a new planning and community development director, Kevin J. Shea. Read more [here](#).

Please send Member News to [Annie](#)

#2962: Project Iceland: MassEcon was contacted by a Maryland-based consulting firm representing a pharmaceutical manufacturing company seeking a new location for its administrative, research and development, manufacturing, and distribution operations. The consultant is performing a multi-state analysis of available real estate opportunities. They need 150,000 SF of existing space, will create 250 new jobs, and would like to be within 60 miles of an international airport. **Update: Closed, could not identify an existing CDMO facility available in MA.**

Staff In Action

Pete Abair worked with the Nominating Committee regarding director nominations, as well as the By-laws Revision Committee, which worked on the first update to the MassEcon by-laws since 2000. Both the by-law revisions and the three new directors, Meredith Harris, Executive Director of the Marlborough EDC; Doug Landry, Boston Office Lead for Langan Engineering; and Mitchell Feldman, Senior Vice President at Santander Bank, were approved at the Annual Meeting.

Annie O'Connell worked to execute the Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards and Annual Meeting & Holiday Lunch while helping to launch MassEcon's revamped website. She also organized NextGen committee's final outing of the year and looks forward to growing the committee even more in 2020.

Doug Kehlhem will be getting assistance from the BU Photonics Center on a plan to target companies at the SPIE Photonics trade show in San Francisco in February. MassEcon, Marlborough EDC, MassDevelopment, and Cutler will be organizing a reception to host photonics companies and site selection consultants based in San Francisco. Seventy seven Massachusetts companies will exhibiting at show and the team will be meeting with them.

Teagan Gaeta's first month at MassEcon has been a busy one - helping to launch our new website, integrating a new CRM, and executing the Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards. It has been a pleasure meeting our members and working with committees such as NextGen!

2020 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JAN 30

Outlook for the Massachusetts Economy with Michael Goodman

8-9:30 a.m.

Takeda - 125 Spring Street, Lexington, MA 02421

RSVP to Teagan Gaeta at tgaeta@massecon.com or 617-924-4600, ext. 114.

Feb 27

Regional Economic Development Meeting

4-7 p.m.

Gillette Stadium - 2 Patriot Place, Foxborough, MA 02035

RSVP to Teagan Gaeta at tgaeta@massecon.com or 617-924-4600, ext. 114.

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