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**MASSECON ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR ITS FOURTEENTH ANNUAL  
TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS**

*Finalists selected based on job growth, investment, and facility expansion*

**WATERTOWN, Massachusetts – August 21, 2017 –**

Eighteen companies from across the state have been selected as finalists for the [2017 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards](#), awarded annually by MassEcon for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. The finalist companies, from Greater Boston to Western Massachusetts, range in size and are drawn from different sectors including manufacturing, distribution, biotechnology, food, medical devices, and technology.

MassEcon selected the finalists based on their job growth, facility expansion, and investment since January 1, 2016, as well as other criteria including community involvement. The finalists collectively have added nearly 1,500 jobs to the Commonwealth, invested over \$350 million, and expanded their facilities by more than 2 million square feet since January 2016.

Finalists will present one-minute elevator pitches describing their growth in the Bay State to a panel of judges and business leaders on September 13 at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston. Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Jay Ash, will be the featured guest at the event.

"We are pleased to recognize Massachusetts companies that contribute so much to the Commonwealth's success," said Susan Houston, Executive Director of MassEcon. "The diversity of industries throughout the entire state demonstrates that Massachusetts is an outstanding location for businesses to expand and call home."

Finalists compete on a regional basis, defined as West, Central, Southeast, Northeast, and Greater Boston. From the pool of finalists, a gold, silver, and bronze winner will be selected from each region. The winners from each of the five regions will be announced in October and recognized at an awards luncheon on November 21<sup>st</sup> in Boston.

"Citizens Bank is committed to strengthening the places where we live and work, and creating more opportunities for our neighbors and neighborhoods," said Jerry Sargent, President, Citizens Bank, Massachusetts. "We are proud to partner with MassEcon to celebrate these successful companies that have invested in Massachusetts and created jobs for its citizens."

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The companies chosen as finalists for the 14th ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS are listed below.

**GREATER BOSTON:**

**Brammer Bio** – Cambridge: *Cell and gene therapy biologics contract development and manufacturing organization.*

**Clarks Americas** – Waltham: *World's largest family-owned "brown shoe" company.*

**Eataly** – Boston: *World's largest Italian food marketplace.*

**SharkNinja** – Needham: *Leading small appliance designer and manufacturer.*

**Thermo Fisher Scientific** – Waltham: *Biotechnology product development and scientific instrument company.*

**CENTRAL:**

**Cumberland Farms** – Westborough: *HQ and distribution center for fuel and convenience store retailer.*

**Instrumentation Laboratory** – Devens: *Developer and manufacturer of medical instruments for hospitals and laboratories.*

**Nitto Denko Avecia** – Milford: *Specializes in oligonucleotide production (short DNA or RNA molecules) and assists clients with pharmaceutical drug development.*

**SMC Ltd.** – Devens: *Leading contract manufacturer of various medical devices and medical equipment.*

**NORTHEAST:**

**Abiomed** – Danvers: *Leading manufacturer of medical devices that provide circulatory support.*

**EMD Serono** – Billerica: *Specializes in developing therapies needed by patients with difficult to treat diseases.*

**Kronos** – Lowell: *Delivers human capital management and workforce management solutions in the cloud to help organizations attract, retain, and develop engaged employees.*

**WEST:**

**Avista Pharma Solutions, Inc.** – Agawam: *Leading U.S.-based contract testing, development, and manufacturing organization for the pharmaceutical industry.*

**Interprint USA, Inc.** – Pittsfield: *Global company and a leading designer and décor printer for the laminate industry.*

**Tsubaki** – Chicopee: *Leading manufacturer and supplier of automotive parts and designer of driving systems.*

**SOUTHEAST:**

**Cold Chain Technologies** – Franklin: *Thermal packaging solutions designer, manufacturer, and distributor of temperature sensitive products for various companies in the life sciences field.*

**Metropolitan Cabinets and Countertops** – Norwood: *Manufacturer and distributor of a wide variety of kitchen cabinets and countertops.*

**New England Ice Cream Corporation** – Norton: *Regional leader in production, sales and distribution of frozen dessert products.*

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**About MassEcon**

MassEcon champions Massachusetts as the best place to start, grow, or locate a business. Bringing the public and private sectors together, we work to create a supportive culture for business, enhance job growth, promote investment in communities, and spread prosperity throughout the state.

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