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MAKING MOVES IN MASSACHUSETTS

Expanding in MASS



Amazon is bringing **2,000 new tech jobs** to its **430K SF** office space in **Boston's Seaport**. Read more [here](#). **Amazon** (yes, again!) will be expanding in **Braintree** by **200K SF** and potentially adding up to **130 new employees**. Read more [here](#).

Tree House Brewing is expanding its **Charlton** location by **16K SF**, including brewery operations, retail space, landscaping, and a second bar. Read more [here](#).

Bad Martha's Farmer's Brewery, a Martha's Vineyard-based brewery, will be expanding to a **5.4K SF** space in **Falmouth**. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based e-commerce firm Rue La La is growing and acquiring **Gilt**, another flash sales site. The financial terms of the deal are undisclosed, and the two companies will continue to operate independently. Read more [here](#).

Analog Devices is moving its headquarters from Norwood to **Wilmington**, in a \$157 million project that is set to house 2,000 workers and create 50 jobs. The space is set to be completed in 2020. Read more [here](#).

Devens-based Little Leaf Farms recently expanded its greenhouse from 2.5 acres to **5 acres** and plans to double acreage to **10 acres** in 2019. Read more [here](#).



IPG Photonics, a laser equipment supplier, plans to **develop on 30 total acres** at both its **Oxford** and **Marlborough** locations. Read more [here](#).

Concert Pharmaceuticals is expanding by **just over 55KSF** in **Lexington**. Read more [here](#).

Accent Therapeutics is expanding by **just over 15KSF** in **Lexington**. Read more [here](#).



Medford welcomes two new MIT startups: **LayerBio**, which produces drug delivery solutions, leasing **1,200 SF**, and **Inkbit**, which creates additive manufacturing platforms, leasing **6,200 SF**. Read more [here](#).

Digital ad startup **ViralGains** moved within Boston, from Rows Wharf to a **6K SF** office in **Downtown Crossing** with space to add 40 to 60 new employees. Read more [here](#).

MathWorks, the **Natick** software company, expanded again in the town with a new **513K SF** campus that includes a barber shop, dry cleaning, and a one-mile walking path. Read more [here](#).



Biomedical Polymers, a company that manufactures plastic for medical purposes, is moving its headquarters from Gardner to **Sterling, almost tripling its size**. Read more [here](#).

Co-working organization **WeWork** is expanding again in **Boston**, marking the seventh WeWork space in the Greater Boston area. WeWork plans to open 2 more locations by the end of 2018. Read more [here](#).

SL Chasse Steel, a structural steel fabricator, is responding to a booming construction sector in southern NH and MA by **doubling the size** of its main plant in **Hudson**, adding 38K SF. Read more [here](#).



French drugmaker **Ipsen** is moving its U.S. headquarters from New Jersey to **Cambridge**, bringing **200 new jobs** to Massachusetts. Read more [here](#)

Securing **\$25 million**, data startup **Devo** is moving to a **4,500 SF** office in **Cambridge** and looking to hire locally for marketing and data science roles. Read more [here](#).

London-based startup **Quantexa** is coming to **Boston** and establishing a data science and network analytics center, and aims to hire 20 workers in the coming months. Read more [here](#).

NEW Products & funding



Cambridge-based Soft Robotics secured **\$20 million** for hiring new employees and to expand its reach in the industry. Read more [here](#).



Data science startup **Sentenai**, based in **Boston**, secured **\$2 million** to expand its business to underserved markets. Read more [here](#).



Maynard-based ClearGov, a startup that collects and displays government data on free websites, secured **\$2.25 million** to further increase government transparency. Read more [here](#).



AI-powered company, **LinkSquare**, which is based in **Boston** (and also provides legal contract analytics) secured **\$2 million** to continue to grow sales and invest in technology. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based Vesper, a startup that develops microphone technology, secured **\$23 million** to capitalize on the rise of voice computing with low-power microphone chips. Read more [here](#).



Biotech "unicorn" **Moderna Therapeutics** in Norwood secured **\$125 million** to continue to develop its cancer vaccine. Read more [here](#).



CyPhy, a Danvers-based drone company, recently secured **more than \$4.5 million**. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based Fuze, provider of cloud-based Unified Communications as a Service, secured **\$150 million**. Read more [here](#).



Software startup **InsightSquared**, based in **Boston**, secured **\$23 million** to expand its marketing and target larger customers. Read more [here](#).



Lowell-based Rapid Micro Biosystems secured **\$60 million** to continue to develop the Growth Direct, a machine that can quickly detect microbial contamination. Read more [here](#).



CARB-X, a **Boston** nonprofit, will receive **up to \$52 million** from the UK government and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to fight "superbugs." Read more [here](#).



Circle, a **Boston**-based fintech and cryptocurrency company, secured **\$110 million** to support the launch of Circle USD, a new cryptocurrency pegged to the US dollar. Read more [here](#).

Insulet Corporation



Life science companies **Insulet**, based in **Billerica**, and **Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine**, based in **Marlborough**, secured a combined \$3.8 million in tax incentives for job creation. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based ezCater, an online business catering service that enables businesspeople to connect with caterers and restaurants, secured **\$100 million** to expand internationally. Read more [here](#).



Littleton-based Mevion Medical Systems, an image device company, secured a **\$150 million** deal in financing primarily from a Chinese pharmaceutical firm and private equity investors. Read more [here](#).



Aker Therapeutics, a **Cambridge**-based biotech startup, secured **\$65 million** to develop treatment for a liver disease called non-alcoholic steatohepatitis. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge-based biotech startup **Platelet Biogenesis** received a **\$3.5 million** grant from the U.S. Department of State to continue their work on using bioreactors to create human platelets. Read more [here](#).



Openbay, a **Cambridge**-based online marketplace for automotive and repair services, secured **\$8 million**. The company will hire more employees, add more customers, expand the marketplace outside the U.S., move to its new office within Cambridge, and more. Read more [here](#).



Amazon recently acquired **New England**-based **PillPack**, an online pharmacy whose design, engineering, business operations and marketing are based in **Somerville**. Pillpack lets users buy medications in pre-made doses. Sources say this deal is rumored to be **\$1 billion**. Read more [here](#).

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Steps to Start a Business July 12

The Center for Women & Enterprise is launching a workshop, Steps to Start a Business, to provide tools and tips for entrepreneurs considering or in the early stages of starting a business. Register for the free event [here](#).

New England Venture Capital Association Names 2018 Winners

2018 NEVY Awards, brought to you by the New England Venture Capital Association, officially named its award winners for this year. Winners were drawn from cybersecurity, life sciences, artificial intelligence, and more. Read more [here](#).



Call for Proposals - Sasaki Foundation Resiliency Project Awards

The Sasaki Foundation is seeking applications for their resiliency project awards. If you have design ideas on how to tackle global challenges that adversely affect certain communities, apply by September 4. Learn more [here](#).



2018 MassEcon Annual Conference World of the Future: Key Drivers of Change

MassEcon held its Annual Conference on June 1 with Featured Speaker Nav Singh from McKinsey & Company and a panel, moderated by *The Boston Globe's* Shirley Leung. Topics discussed included education, artificial intelligence, and keeping the Massachusetts workplace competitive. Check out highlight videos and executive summary [here](#).



Notes on the *economy*

At the **BIO International Convention** earlier this month, **Governor Baker** announced that **23 life sciences companies will receive \$20 million in tax incentives**. Companies will pledge to **create over 1,000 jobs** in Massachusetts. Read more [here](#).

The Associated Industries of Massachusetts Business Confidence jumped 2.4% to 66.6 in May, making it 5.8 points higher than it was a year ago. Employer confidence levels remain "comfortable within the optimistic range." This is an all-time high for business confidence since 2000. Read more [here](#).

The **Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development** recently announced that the state's **unemployment rate** has been at **3.5%** for **eight straight months**. The labor force has also increased and thousands of jobs have been added. Read more [here](#).

A collaboration between the **MassVentures START program** and the **Massachusetts Clean Energy Center** awarded **\$3.4 million** to local life science start-ups to help support the state's innovation economy. Read more [here](#).

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