



IN BRIEF

MAKING **MOVES** IN MASSACHUSETTS

Expanding in MASS



Paring two great drinks, coffee and beer, **Lost Shoe Brewing & Roasting Co.**, plans to open up shop in **Marlborough** this summer. Read more [here](#).



Endeavor Robotics will be expanding its headquarters in **Chelmsford** by **10K SF**. The new space will be used to boost manufacturing capacity. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based software startup **Scout Exchange**, which uses algorithms to match an employer's job opening with the recruiter who has the most success in filling similar jobs, secured **\$100 million**. Read more [here](#).



In moving its headquarters from Billerica to **Lowell**, **NextShift Robotics** nearly doubled the size of its facility and plans to add additional team members soon. Read more [here](#).



PHARMSCRIPT

New Jersey-based pharmacy company **PharmScript** expanded into **Marlborough** with a **15K SF** building. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge-based gene editing companies **Intellia Therapeutics**, **CRISPR Therapeutics**, and **Editas Medicine**, collectively increased their employee count by **52%** over the course of 2017. Read more [here](#).



Industrial x-ray imaging company **North Star Imaging**, based in Minnesota, has expanded to **Marlborough** with a new laboratory to help diagnose problems with a machine's internal components. Read more [here](#).



MassLive Media, sister publication of the *Boston Business Journal*, is expanding to **Worcester** as a part of its continued efforts to expand in Worcester County. Read more [here](#).



Canada-based sportswear company **Roots** is expanding in **Natick** and **Lynnfield**, adding **30-45 employees** and absorbing **9K SF** in the process. Read more [here](#).

L.L.Bean

Maine-based outdoor retailer L.L. Bean expands to **Boston's Seaport District** with a new **8K SF** location. Read more [here](#).

NEW Products & funding



Marlborough-based ReWalk Robotics, an innovative medical device company that is designing, developing, and commercializing exoskeletons allowing wheelchair-bound individuals to walk, secured **\$20 million**. Read more [here](#).



Charlestown-based Finally Light Bulb secured **\$50 million**. The company works to make light bulbs that are energy efficient without giving off harsh light. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based healthcare company BewellConnect secured **\$30 million** to expand the use of connected health devices. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge-based biotech startup Rheos Medicines secured **\$60 million** to develop drugs that tweak what scientists call "metabolic pathways" (the complex sequences of chemical reactions that occur inside of cells). Read more [here](#).



Burlington-based 3D printing startup Desktop Metal secured **\$65 million** from Ford. Read more [here](#).



Cambridge Innovation Center secured **\$58 million** to grow its co-working hubs globally. Read more [here](#).



Boston-based WHOOP secured **\$25 million** from backers at Twitter, the NFL, the NBA, MIT, and Galaxy Digital. WHOOP produces a wristband that allows the wearer to track body strain.

Read more [here](#).



MIT secured **\$50 million** for its new startup, **Commonwealth Fusion Systems**. The company will work to create a viable source to clean energy through the use of a nuclear fusion reactor. Read more [here](#).

Ambassadors @work



Welcoming Companies New to Massachusetts

At this year's 10th Annual Corporate Welcome Reception, MassEcon and Governor Baker welcomed 17 companies new to Massachusetts. Click [here](#) for profiles on the companies. Click [here](#) to read press coverage of the event.



Vote for your Favorite AMP it up! Video

The Advanced Manufacturing Program is holding a video challenge encouraging middle school and high school aged kids to learn more about manufacturing. Vote for your favorite video [here](#).



Autonomous Vehicle Summit

On April 5, join AUVSI and Massachusetts Technology Collaborative for an informative half-day summit on current Autonomous Vehicle program development and on-the-road testing throughout the region. Learn more [here](#).



An Evening of Empowerment

Dress for Success of Western Massachusetts will be holding an evening of empowerment on April 12. To learn more or register for this event click [here](#).



Notes on the economy

The **MetroWest** area is booming, according to a [new report](#) from researchers at UMass Dartmouth. The area has a **more educated, wealthy and growing population than the surrounding areas**, and they consistently have lower unemployment rates as well as higher home valuations.

Massachusetts is working hard to **support its thriving international export business** with a new committee on export development (the first of its kind!). This committee is headed by Senator Eileen Donoghue of Lowell and Representative Lori Ehrlich of Marblehead. Learn more [here](#).

With **\$13.7 million** from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center and MassDevelopment, the state will be breaking ground on a new **life sciences research facility** in the **Berkshires** this

summer. Read more [here](#).

Last month, **13,700 jobs** were added in Massachusetts and the **unemployment rate** stayed at a constant **3.5%**, while the national average unemployment rate was 4.1%. Read more [here](#). Additionally, **employer confidence hit another 17-year high at 64.5%**. Read more from [The Business Confidence Index](#) conducted by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts.

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