



Making Moves in Massachusetts

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Expanding in MA

EF Education First broke ground on its third building in **Cambridge's** North Point. The expansion will result in **300 new jobs**, new public parkland and recreational amenities, and a new permanent operations and maintenance facility for the MA DCR. Read more [here](#).

Delphi will be purchasing **Boston-based** self-driving car company **nuTonomy** for **\$450 million**. Once the purchase is complete, Delphi will have autonomous driving operations in Boston, Pittsburgh, Singapore, Santa Monica, and Silicon Valley. Read more [here](#).

Wormtown Brewery continues to expand in **Worcester**, adding **15K SF** for additional production space needed to meet the demand of Massachusetts customers. Read more [here](#).

Brighton's Boston Landing campus continues to grow with **Proteostasis Therapeutics** and **Roche Diagnostics Operations Inc.** leasing a combined **58K SF** of space. Read more [here](#).

Shire plans to sublease **220K SF** in **Cambridge's Kendall Square** in order to accommodate the company's rapid growth in Massachusetts. Read more [here](#).

MilliporeSigma opened its new **280K SF** Life Sciences Center in **Burlington**. The campus will serve as a regional hub and house nearly **1,000 employees**. Read more [here](#).

Nearly tripling its space, **Synlogic**, a biotech startup developing "microbiome" drugs that affect bacteria in the gut, signed a lease for a **41K SQ** space in **Cambridge's Kendall Square**. Read more [here](#).

New Products & Funding

Teams of **Boston** researchers examining new ways of halting early stage lung and pancreatic cancer, receive grants of between **\$2 million** and **\$7 million** per team. Read more [here](#).

Devoted Health, a **Waltham-based** health care startup founded by former athenahealth executives, secured **\$62 million**, progressing its new health care model for seniors citizens. Read more [here](#).

Boston electric-driving startup, **XL Hybrids** secured **\$22 million**. The company makes hybrid electric motors and battery packs that can be easily added to common commercial vehicles. Read more [here](#).

Cambridge-based Veo Robotics secured **\$12 million**, which will support the development of software to make it safe for humans and industrial robots to work in close collaboration. Read more [here](#).

Wellesley-based firm, **Lumicell**, secured **\$21 million** for image-guided cancer surgery technology which will be examined in clinical studies. Read more [here](#).

Atlas Venture-backed **Cambridge-based** biotech startup, **Kymera Therapeutics**, secured **\$30 million** for new class of drugs with potential to treat a wide range of diseases. Read more [here](#).

More than 120 Massachusetts companies were awarded **Workforce Training Fund** grants by the **Baker-Polito administration** that totaled **\$11.9 million**. The grants are used by companies to pay for employee training over a two-year period. Read more [here](#).

Lowell-based, family-owned food manufacturing company, Plenus Group, plans to expand by **more than 16K SF** with a \$4.6 million bond from **MassDevelopment**. Read more [here](#).

Agritech company **Agrivida** leased **20K SF** in **Woburn**, consolidating its Medford office and its agricultural research facility in Woburn. Read more [here](#).

Cambridge-based **Gemini Therapeutics** secured **\$42.5 million** to develop treatments for the leading cause of irreversible blindness in the U.S. Read more [here](#).

Ambassadors @ Work

14th Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards Are Approaching!

On November 21, MassEcon will be honoring **15 Economic Impact Award winners** from across the Commonwealth for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy in terms of job growth, investment, and facility expansion. Governor Charlie Baker will be the Featured Speaker and Lisa Hughes will be the Master of Ceremonies. Help celebrate these Massachusetts companies and register [here](#)!

Massachusetts Pitches to Amazon for Second U.S. Headquarters

Earlier this month, the state submitted its proposal for Massachusetts as the prime choice for Amazon's HQ2. Read the submission [here](#).

More Non-Stop Flight Activity at Logan Airport

Starting in May 2018, **JetBlue Airways** will offer **nonstop flights from Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport** to Boston Logan. Read more [here](#). Also starting next year, Chile-based **LATAM Airlines Group S.A.** will offer **nonstop flights** from Boston's Logan Airport to **Sao Paulo, Brazil**. Read more [here](#).

2017 Top Women-Led Businesses in Massachusetts

The Commonwealth Institute and the *Boston Globe Magazine* released a list of the **100 most noteworthy businesses led by women** in Massachusetts. Since its first ranking in 2000, the top 100 companies have grown significantly in both revenue and number of employees. Read more [here](#).

Springfield WORKS Career Portal

Springfield WORKS, funded with a three-year Cities Challenge grant from the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, released its online job portal to help connect job seekers with open positions. Read more [here](#).

Notes on the Economy

The **Massachusetts State Senate** collaborated with the **Barr Foundation** to determine how the state's transportation systems can be improved. In order to hear from residents across the Commonwealth, the State Senate created **MassMoves**, an initiative that consisted of nine interactive workshops with citizens, a workshop with business leaders, and an online poll. The data and findings from **MassMoves** will be presented to state decision makers in the hope that legislation will be drafted to create a vision of 21st century transportation in Massachusetts. Read more [here](#).

Recent jobs data compiled by **Americans for the Arts** show that the creative sector helps stimulate the economy, as well as attract and retain the state's talent. Senate President Stan Rosenberg, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh, and Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce President James Rooney attended the launch of the "**Art Means Business**" advocacy campaign that focused on the importance of arts in a vibrant economy. Read more [here](#).

The **UMass Donahue Institute's MassBenchmarks Journal**, in collaboration with the **Federal Reserve Bank of Boston**, released data showing that the Massachusetts economy rapidly grew during Q3. In Massachusetts, **GDP grew 5.9 %**, while the national GDP grew **3 %**. The journal also revealed that growth is being driven by very strong employment and rapid wage and salary growth. Read more [here](#).