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

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

**WATERTOWN, Massachusetts – August 17, 2016 –**

Eighteen companies from across the state have been selected as finalists for the [2016 Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Awards](#), awarded annually by MassEcon. These finalists, representing companies from Greater Boston to the Pioneer Valley, will present one-minute elevator pitches describing their growth in the Bay State to a panel of judges and business leaders on September 14 at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP in Boston. Secretary of Housing and Economic Development, Jay Ash, will be the featured guest at the event.

The awards celebrate companies that have made an outstanding contribution to the Massachusetts economy. The winners from each of the five regions will be announced in October and recognized at an awards luncheon on November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Boston.

The finalist companies range in size and are drawn from different industries including, manufacturing, biotechnology, medical devices, technology, and education. MassEcon selected the finalists based on their job growth, facility expansion, and investment since January 1, 2015, as well as other criteria including community involvement. Together this year's finalists have added over 2,000 jobs to the Commonwealth, invested over \$450 million, and expanded their facilities by nearly 1.5 million square feet since January 2015.

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.

"We are thrilled to recognize Massachusetts companies that contribute so much to the Commonwealth's success, said Susan Houston, Executive Director of MassEcon. "The range of industries and regions represented by this impressive group of companies demonstrates the collective strength of our state."

The companies chosen as finalists for the 13th ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS are listed below.

**GREATER BOSTON:**

**Acquia** – Boston  
**Autodesk** – Boston  
**IBM Watson Health** – Cambridge  
**LEGO Education** – Boston  
**Shire** – Lexington

**CENTRAL:**

**Acacia Communications** – Maynard  
**Advanced Cable Ties** – Gardner  
**Bristol-Myers Squibb** – Devens  
**Woonsocket Glass Fabricators** – Whitinsville

**NORTHEAST:**

**Hoff's Bakery** – Malden  
**New England Die Cutting** – Methuen  
**NxStage Medical** – Lawrence  
**TraceLink** – North Reading

**WEST:**

**Jarvis Surgical** – Westfield  
**PV Sullivan Supply** – Chicopee  
**Prolamina** – Westfield

**SOUTHEAST:**

**Capstan Atlantic** – Wrentham  
**HTP** – New Bedford

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**About MassEcon**

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