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## **MAED releases finalists for Fifth Annual Team Mass. Economic Impact Awards to be held Nov. 25th**

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The Mass. Alliance for Economic Development (MAED) released its Fifth Annual Team Mass. Economic Impact Award finalists for its November 25th awards luncheon. Companies from across the Commonwealth will be recognized for their contributions.

Finalist companies will have the opportunity to meet with the judges for the awards event during the reception at the UMass Club. This reception will enable representatives from the companies to present the attributes of their company to the judges. The president of the UMass, Jack Wilson and the undersecretary of business development, Greg Bialecki, will be among the guests as will be key legislators. The winners from each region will be announced in October.

Economic Impact Award finalist companies were selected based on their job growth, facility expansion, and investment since January 1, 2007, as well as other factors including community involvement.

The companies chosen as finalists come from each region of the state and are listed below

### **West**

Performance Food Group; Liberty Mutual; Hardigg Industries; Solutia;  
Court Square Group

### **Central**

Lonza Hopkinton; Evergreen Solar; Sepracor; Nypro;  
Fabric

### **Greater Boston**

Shire Pharmaceuticals; CSN Stores; Brigham and Women's Hospital; Microsoft; Acceleron Pharma;  
JP Morgan Chase

### **Southeast**

Five Star Surgical; Symmetry Medical; Strictly-by-the-Book; Organogenesis; Electrochem  
Commercial Power

### **Northeast**

Aspect Software; Spire Corp.; William A. Berry; Ophir Optics

The regional judging team leaders included Robert Culver, president and CEO of MassDevelopment; Michael DiGiano, executive VP of NAI Hunneman Comm'l.; Rick Murphy, senior VP, National Grid; Kevin Quinn, president of Dacon Corp.; and Girard Sargent, executive VP of Citizens Bank.

For more information about the event or to register, go to [www.massecon.com](http://www.massecon.com), e-mail [rsvp@massecon.com](mailto:rsvp@massecon.com) or call at 781-489-6262 ext 14.

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