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MASSACHUSETTS ALLIANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (MAED) ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR ITS THIRD ANNUAL TEAM MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARDS

BOSTON, Massachusetts, September 27, 2006 – MAED today announced its Third Annual Team Massachusetts Economic Impact Award winners in preparation for its November 21 luncheon, which will take place at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. In the only awards event of its kind in Massachusetts, fifteen companies from across the Commonwealth will be recognized on November 21 for their outstanding contributions to the Massachusetts economy. The companies were selected based on their job and facility expansion since January 1, 2005, as well as other factors, including community involvement.

Honored companies fall into two categories - established, which includes companies founded prior to 2001, and emerging, which includes companies founded after January 1, 2001. One company in each category will be honored in each of the five regions of the state, as listed below.

Winning Companies:

Table with 4 columns: Region, Established, Emerging, Honorable Mention. Rows list winning companies across five regions: Central Massachusetts, Greater Boston Area, Northeastern Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts, and Western Massachusetts.

MAED will also confer its first Chairman's Award on David A. Tibbetts in recognition of his leadership in economic development.

Susan Houston, MAED’s Executive Director said, “This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate economic achievements across the diverse regions of

Massachusetts and to recognize the joint efforts of the public and private sector to retain and create jobs across industry sectors.”

The panel of judges for the Economic Impact Awards included Robert Culver, President and CEO of MassDevelopment; Michael DiGiano, Executive Vice President of NAI Hunneman Commercial; Cheryl LaFleur, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, National Grid; Kevin Quinn, President of Dacon Corporation; and Girard Sargent, Senior Vice President of Citizens Bank.

The event will feature a keynote address by Cathy Minehan, President & CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Gloria Larson of Foley Hoag, Chair of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority and former Secretary of Economic Affairs is the Master of Ceremonies. Over 400 are expected to attend this event.

For more information about the event or to register, go to www.massecon.com, e-mail rsvp@massecon.com or call at 781-489-6262 ext 14.

The Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development (MAED) is a private, non-profit partnership of business, industry leaders, and government dedicated to fostering economic growth in the Commonwealth. Launched in 1993 as an outgrowth of recommendations of the Governor’s Council on Economic Growth and Technology, MAED promotes Massachusetts by providing information services to companies seeking to expand within or relocate to Massachusetts. Its services are available to both out-of-state and in-state companies.

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