

THE HIGH TECH AGENDA

MASSACHUSETTS HIGHTECHNOLOGYCOUNCIL

Dedicated to Growth... Committed to Action

President's Message: Chris Anderson



"America is truly great when we do not succumb to fear and prejudice, but rather when we walk boldly in the path of the Good Samaritan." Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap, Archbishop of Boston, concluded his recent OPED appearing in the [Boston Pilot](#) on the plight of Muslims living in America with this line. As we celebrate the High Tech Councils' many accomplishments in 2015 and express gratitude to our deeply engaged officers, members, collaborating partners and staff during this holiday season, the words of Cardinal Seán seemed an appropriate admonition to all of us as we

reflect with family and friends on both the higher meaning of this season and how we model character traits that honor our love of America.

On behalf of Mark Gallagher, Ron Trznadel, and Julie Champion, we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, a joyful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous 2016.

Council Board Meets to Celebrate 2015 Successes, Commit to Initiatives for 2016 and Beyond

On December 10, the Council's Board of Directors convened for its final meeting of 2015. Council staff, senior leaders, and Board members engaged in a terrific discussion about the Council's data-driven job growth and economic competitiveness agenda for Massachusetts that is taking shape for 2016–2018. Much of that agenda is being informed by [MATTERS](#) and the increasing traction and impact this unique competitiveness benchmarking tool is having among a growing number of policymakers and other key stakeholders.

Board members expressed concern about the potential negative impacts of a proposed constitutional amendment that would impose a graduated income tax, particularly its direct impact on the founders of job-creating

MISSION STATEMENT

The High Tech Agenda keeps the High Tech Council's members and partners up to date on its pro-growth advocacy concerning state and federal public policies and programs in support of its mission.

The goal of the Massachusetts High Technology Council is to help make Massachusetts the world's most attractive place in which to live and work, and in which to create, operate, and grow high technology businesses. Read our Mission Statement at mhtc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MHTC 2016 Roundtable Series: Thomas Glynn, CEO of the Massachusetts Port Authority

January 22 -

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Location: MHTC offices, Waltham, MA

The Mass. High Tech Council is pleased to welcome Thomas Glynn, CEO of the Massachusetts Port Authority for a roundtable discussion with members.

Thomas Glynn was appointed by the MassPort Board on September 20, 2012 to serve as the Authority's Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, overseeing Boston Logan International Airport, the public container and cruise terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, Worcester Regional Airport and real estate holdings in the metropolitan Boston area. [Click here](#) to view Mr. Glynn's complete biography.

Join us for an interactive discussion with Tom regarding MassPort's strategic objectives and how they impact MHTC's membership and

small businesses and effect on the state's brand as a hub for start-up activity and investment.

The Board reaffirmed the Council's historic and current leadership role in public education reform, including current efforts to increase access to charter public schools by creating a permanent "growth cap" to provide sustained access to these effective public education models to 37,000 families on public charter school wait lists. At the Board's request, the Council will convene a special directors meeting to discuss charter schools on January 21 featuring Massachusetts Secretary of Education Jim Peyser, and Council member Paul Grogan from the Boston Foundation.



Congress Votes to Suspend Medical Device Tax, Make R&D Credit Permanent

Last week, Congress advanced a long-debated package of budget bills and so-called "tax extender" legislation. Importantly, the package makes permanent the federal R&D tax credit and includes a two-year suspension of the tax on medical devices imposed by the Affordable Care Act.

The approval of the two-year suspension reflects a growing bipartisan appreciation for the negative impacts the tax will have on research and innovation, impacts that will have particularly severe consequences for some of Massachusetts' most innovative companies and largest employers.

Congress' action this week is overdue and we urge Congress to complete the job and repeal the tax on medical devices completely.

The Council commends Representatives Capuano, Clark, Keating, Lynch, McGovern, Moulton and Neal for their support for the extender package. You can read the Council's statement on medical device tax suspension and repeal [here](#).

Council Welcomes New Members

The Council's team of technology leaders continues to grow. During the past year, the Council welcomed 27 new members to the team, including long-established tech leaders like [Raytheon](#), firms with an increasing tech-focus such as [Putnam Investments](#), rapidly growing Massachusetts-born companies like [Care.com](#) and leading professional services firms such as [Ropes and Gray](#).

The expanding base of Council members highlights the unique nature of our advocacy mission around which the leadership of our diverse Massachusetts technology and innovation economy unifies. The engagement of the following institutions reinforces the Council's

the New England economy –including a focus on globalization, trade and international economic development and the key role played by MassPort's infrastructure, assets and initiatives.

Due to limited seating and to facilitate discussion, kindly click [here](#) to register.

MHTC 2016 Roundtable Series: Douglas A. Tamilio, Acting Director, U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center

February 23 –

10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Location: MHTC offices, Waltham, MA

The Mass. High Tech Council is pleased to welcome Douglas A. Tamilio, Acting Director, U.S. Army Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center for a roundtable discussion with members.

Mr. Tamilio is responsible for the planning, programming, coordination and execution of the research, development and engineering program dedicated to the sustainment and protection of the nation's combat forces from the stresses of war through functionally suitable food, clothing, airborne and airdrop equipment, tactical shelters, and organizational personal equipment. NSRDEC delivers world-class research, development, systems engineering and services, with the unique "Soldier"-centric focus. Please click [here](#) to view Mr. Tamilio's complete biography.

The presentation will focus on the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center's Human Performance Optimization (HPO) strategy. HPO is receiving more attention with Army senior leaders because the research will improve soldier performance, resiliency, and recovery. Human science research is an opportunity to maintain and enhance the Army's decisive edge in a declining budgetary environment.

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commitment to policies that create the conditions for successfully expanding jobs and growing our state technology economy.

Welcome to the team:

Alcock Ltd. Partners.	Odyssey Systems Consulting Group, Ltd.
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Compuworks	Revenue Performance Group, LLC
Expedient Data Centers	Ropes & Gray LLP
HonorVet Services, LLC	TARGIT
KAYAK Software Corporation	Trinity Partners, LLC
MCG Partners Management Consulting Group	UnoSquare
Mobee	Wurt & Associates, Inc.
N-of-One, Inc.	

Council to Host MassPort's Thomas Glynn for CEO Roundtable

The Council's 2016 CEO Roundtable series will commence on Friday, January 22 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM featuring Thomas Glynn, CEO of the Massachusetts Port Authority.

As the Council works to strengthen assets that help grow our economy, MassPort's strategy to sustain Massachusetts' competitive edge in access to international markets and business centers is emerging as a key part of a long-term, tech-based, economic development strategy. International travel provides \$1 billion annually to the state's economy, and is predicted to be the fastest growing component of the travel industry over the next decade. Council members are encouraged to join us for an interactive discussion with Tom regarding MassPort's strategic objectives and how they impact the New England economy.

Non-stop international flights from Logan have more than doubled from 27 to 53 in recent years. Unfortunately, Logan's Terminal E is operating with the same number of gates it had in 1974. At the same time, Logan remains the only airport in the nation that operates with a parking freeze



EFMA hosting "Increasing Profits & Protecting Intellectual Property in Developing Growth Markets"

March 24 & 25
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: Boston, MA

This conference brings together senior tax, legal and financial experts who will provide a comprehensive analysis of the legal issues, recent tax & regulatory developments, skills and structuring strategies necessary to maximize profits from IP while protecting these assets from threats of piracy, counterfeiting, infringement and other legal challenges in emerging markets.

The conference will provide ample time for networking with speakers and other attendees. This is a must attend event for any company operating internationally and their legal, tax and financial advisors. Please visit the EFMA website for more information or click [here](#).

—while passenger traffic has increased by over 200% since the parking freeze went into effect in 1975.

We hope you'll join us for this important discussion with Tom Glynn, and help us kick-off a sustained campaign to boost Logan's competitiveness with leadership support from the Council. Kindly click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Council's 2016 Annual Meeting to Feature Governor Baker and Milken Institute Economist

The Council's 2016 Annual Meeting is set for April 6 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Conference Center at Bentley University. We will again welcome the Council's most famous alumnus, Governor Charlie Baker, for a keynote address. Our focus on the state's competitive advantages and challenges, including access to talent and innovation assets, will take center stage. The meeting will also feature a special presentation from Kevin Klowden, Managing Economist at the Milken Institute and a noted expert on technology-based economic development. Kevin will present a perspective on Massachusetts' standing in Milken's State Science and Technology Index (one of the indicators included in our MATTERS 50—state competitiveness dashboard). Members will receive meeting details and registration information in January.



DATA THAT MATTERS (source: Massport)

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- Since 1975 there has been a 200% increase in passengers at Logan Airport.
- More Logan travelers use public transportation, buses, vans and other High Occupancy Vehicle modes than anywhere in the country.
- Demand for parking at Logan exceeded supply in 36 of 52 weeks last year.
- Logan Airport is the only airport in the US that operates with a parking freeze.
- Parking freezes were enacted in both Downtown Boston and Cambridge in 1973 and 1976 respectively, and Massachusetts is the only state in the nation to limit parking spaces as part of its environmental protection State Implementation Plan.

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