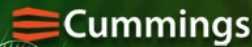


MetroNorth Life Sciences and Technology Update



News from the life sciences and technology communities north of Boston December 2023

[Endpoints News](#) reports on the White House focus on lowering drug prices, including an announcement today that the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response (ASPR) is making "fair pricing" a standard part of contract negotiations for medical products developed or purchased by the federal government. Last week, the Biden administration proposed a plan that allows government agencies to "march in" if prices are too high, requiring licensing to other drug companies.

ENDPOINTS NEWS

In a [LinkedIn post](#) related to the march-in rights, MassBio CEO and president Kendalle Burlin O'Connell said, "Despite the Biden Administration's best intentions with the Cancer Moonshot, recent legislation, executive actions, and agency decisions certainly make it feel like it's open season on drug development and the companies that deliver the cures and treatments people need."

New and Expanding Cummings Clients



Cummings is pleased to welcome [MDC Associates](#) to the innovation campus at 48 Dunham Ridge in Beverly.



MDC Associates is a full-service company with expertise in regulatory and clinical affairs, quality systems, and data management. Its team of experts provide regulatory, clinical research, quality systems, and technical support services to in vitro diagnostics (IVD) and medical device companies.

[Joen Johansen](#) is the company's president and CEO.

[Porex](#), part of Filtration Group, is another newcomer to 48 Dunham Ridge.

Filtration Group is a global market-leading provider of filtration consumables that are designed to drive innovation and deliver solutions across a broad spectrum of applications and end-markets, with a focus on life sciences, indoor air quality, and industrial technologies.

[Todd Sanderson](#) is VP of process development for the company.



Networking & Events

Hot on the heels of the JP Morgan Healthcare Conference in San Francisco, [MassBio](#) panelists will report what they heard at the premier healthcare symposium, especially what was said between the soundbites and headlines. What does the new year hold for companies looking to launch or grow, for patients looking for new breakthroughs in drug development, and for the ongoing specter of government price controls? Will headwinds turn to tailwinds?

Monday, January 22, 4:00 - 6:30 PM,
MassBioHub, 700 Technology Square,
Cambridge. [Register](#).

MASSBIO



2024 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Don't miss out on next year's programming and events!



Is your business focused on the life sciences, technology, and sustainability industries? Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are currently available with [North Shore Technology Council](#).

This MetroNorth nonprofit organization offers networking, programming, and events throughout the year. Contact administrator@nstc.org to learn more.

Items of Interest

On Tuesday, BostInno hosted its annual Fire Awards in downtown Boston. More than 200 attendees gathered at the W Boston Hotel to celebrate the 50 Fire Awards honorees and to learn who the winners would be in each of nine categories, what BostInno calls its "Blazers." [Read more and view photos.](#)



Awo Gifty Kankam (left), vice president, clinical operations and head of program Management, and Ian Chan, CEO and co-founder of [Abpro](#) (68 Cummings Park, Woburn), were among those recognized at the BostInno Fire Awards earlier this week. (Photo credit: Gary Higgins, *Boston Business Journal*)

Congratulations also to fellow Woburn companies [Boston Metal](#) (6 Gill Street), Inno Blazer in the Clean Tech category, and [Vaxess Technologies](#) (1 Cummings Park), an honoree.

(Left) [Casey Hagerty](#), Woburn's economic development manager, presented at [Massachusetts Innovation Network's](#) annual Eddie Awards last month. Congratulations to CEO [Dr. Dimitri Chernyak](#) and the team at [Intelon Optics](#) of Woburn for receiving an Eddie Award in the Life Sciences - Medical Device category.



Great Value on Used Lab Equipment

Recently acquired pre-owned lab equipment is available for sale at a significant value compared to retail pricing. Please contact Cummings project engineer Greg Flaherty at gxf@cummings.com if interested.



Two Thermo Fisher Forma Environmental Chambers (Model # 3920)

- Wide temperature range of 0° to 60°C that enhances the flexibility of the unit
- Durable cabinets with true laminar airflow through side plenums for extremely tight uniformity
- Phenolic-coated evaporator for use in applications that create corrosive byproducts
- Manual control of defrost and refrigeration cycles

Offered at \$3,200 each.

Also available:

VWR General Purpose Lab Refrigerator (Model # SCGP-3004). Offered at \$500.

Campus Updates



Lab with vivarium – available now! 50 Audubon Road in Wakefield is conveniently located just off I-95, moments from MarketStreet shopping and dining. The property features an on-site daycare.

Lab features include:

- Five separate lab rooms
- 6' and 4' chemical fume hoods with acid/base and solvent storage cabinets
- Recirculating supply air system (15-ton capacity) with separate exhaust dedicated to lab space
- Resin sink units with high-arc

Vivarium features include:

- Four separate animal rooms with epoxy floors, and epoxy-painted walls and ceiling
- Cage washroom with pass-through double-door autoclave
- Two-bay stainless steel utility sink with T&S spray
- Once-through supply air system

- faucets and point-of-use acid neutralization tanks
- Approx. 280 linear feet of metal benchwork with extensive drawers and resin countertops
- Approx. 85 linear feet of two-tier reagent shelving with utility chase

- (20-ton capacity) with in-line reheats for each room and separate exhaust system
- Approx. 12 linear feet of metal casework with sinks and resin countertop
- Three horsepower air compressor
- Humidification system (inactive)
- Biosafety cabinet

For details and floor plans, call or text John Halsey at 781-983-2214 or email jrh@cummings.com.

Industry Resources



Would your team benefit from a day or multiple days with a purification expert? [Rilas Technologies](#) (400 West Cummings Park, Woburn) scientists have decades of experience and deep expertise in small molecule and biomolecule purification. The Rilas team customizes consultations to help customers reduce run times, optimize workflows, purify previously unpurifiable samples, and address any other purification or analytical challenges customers may have. Contact info@rilastech.com to learn more.

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