

Housing and Economic Development Secretary Discusses New Robotics Incubator at MIT

Robotics technology development a venue for manufacturing and economic growth

CAMBRIDGE—Friday, November 21, 2014—Housing and Economic Development Secretary Greg Bialecki today spoke at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the future of robotics technology in Massachusetts and the impact it could have on the innovation economy and advanced manufacturing in the state.

“Massachusetts is a leader in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship,” said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Greg Bialecki. “New advancements in robotics technology enable Massachusetts to sharpen our competitive edge and compete on the global scale.”

The newly announced MassRobotics Incubator is a non-profit organization designed to grow the robotics industry by fostering collaboration between academia, startups, investors, government and established companies. The facility will provide physical infrastructure for robotic startups, including office space, test facilities and manufacturing for prototypes. Additionally, MassRobotics will provide innovation and investment opportunities as well as community education programs.

The Massachusetts Technology Leadership Council recently released a report highlighting New England’s unique position in the robotics industry. The robotics industry in New England has grown dramatically in recent years, covering a broad spectrum of robotics companies, from large leaders that are selling successfully to consumer, industrial and government markets to start-ups and early-stage companies that are launching exciting next-generation robotics products and systems.

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