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Dear Brian:

I am sorry that I was unable to congratulate you personally on Springfield's Platinum rating at our event on April 30th recognizing all municipalities that have achieved a BioReady rating to date. Springfield is one of 44 municipalities that have achieved ratings since the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council, in partnership with MassEcon, began the BioReady Communities campaign more than a year ago.

This initiative is about helping maintain the Commonwealth's competitiveness as the global leader in biotechnology by increasing the inventory of real and potential biotechnology properties in its cities and towns. Speed to the laboratory bench and the manufacturing line is critical to this industry.

Today, we have no clearer demonstration about the capacity of Massachusetts to achieve this speed than the commitment of these 44 BioReady-rated communities to work in a proactive way to support biotechnology facility opportunities.

Once again, congratulations, on behalf of the MBC and MassEcon. To commend Springfield's BioReady status, I have enclosed a certificate accrediting Springfield as a Platinum Community. Also enclosed is a complete list of all municipalities that have achieved BioReady ratings to date.

The MBC will continue to work with communities seeking to improve their ratings. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Peter Abair, Director of Economic Development, at (617) 674-5100 or peter.abair@massbio.org.

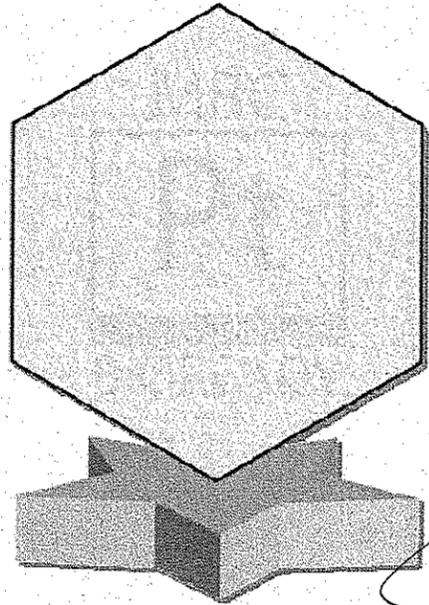
It is my hope that with municipalities like Springfield leading the way, Massachusetts' biotechnology industry will continue to make advances in solving unmet medical needs and developing technologies that will help fuel and feed the world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Coughlin', written over the word 'Sincerely'.

Robert K. Coughlin
President and CEO

Platinum BioReady Community City of Springfield



Robert Coughlin, President and CEO



Massachusetts Biotechnology Council

Susan Houston, Executive Director



Location is everything.

Awarded April 30, 2009

Massachusetts BioReady Community Ratings

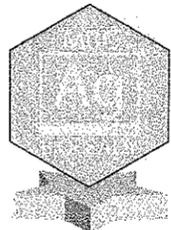


The MBC developed BioReady Community ratings as part of its BioReady Community Campaign. These ratings are intended to help advance the industry in the state and promote the communities that have shown a commitment to biotechnology.



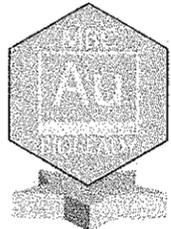
Bronze - A municipality at this level features municipal water and sewer in commercial and industrial areas, zoning allowing for biotech laboratory and manufacturing uses by *special permit*, and has identified a local point of contact in to assist biotech projects.

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| Burlington | Franklin | Holliston | Randolph | West Bridgewater |
| Easthampton | Gardner | Lawrence | Salem | |
| Everett | Greenfield | Northbridge | Sturbridge | |



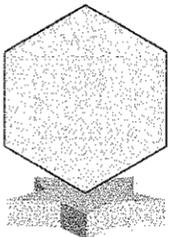
Silver - A municipality meets all Bronze criteria AND allows biotech uses *by right*, convene Site Plan Review meetings to expedite development projects, and has identified sites for biotech uses in municipal plans or has land sites and/or buildings included in BioSites inventory at www.massachusettsitefinder.com, or is a Growth District, or has identified Priority Development Sites per Chapter 43D.

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| Chelsea | Lynn | Reading |
| Dedham | Newburyport | |



Gold - A municipality meets Silver criteria *plus* has sites or buildings pre-permitted for biotechnology use, OR has existing buildings in which biotech laboratory or manufacturing activities are taking place.

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| Attleboro | Chicopee | Tewksbury |
| Billerica | Fall River | Watertown |
| Brockton | Northampton | Westfield |



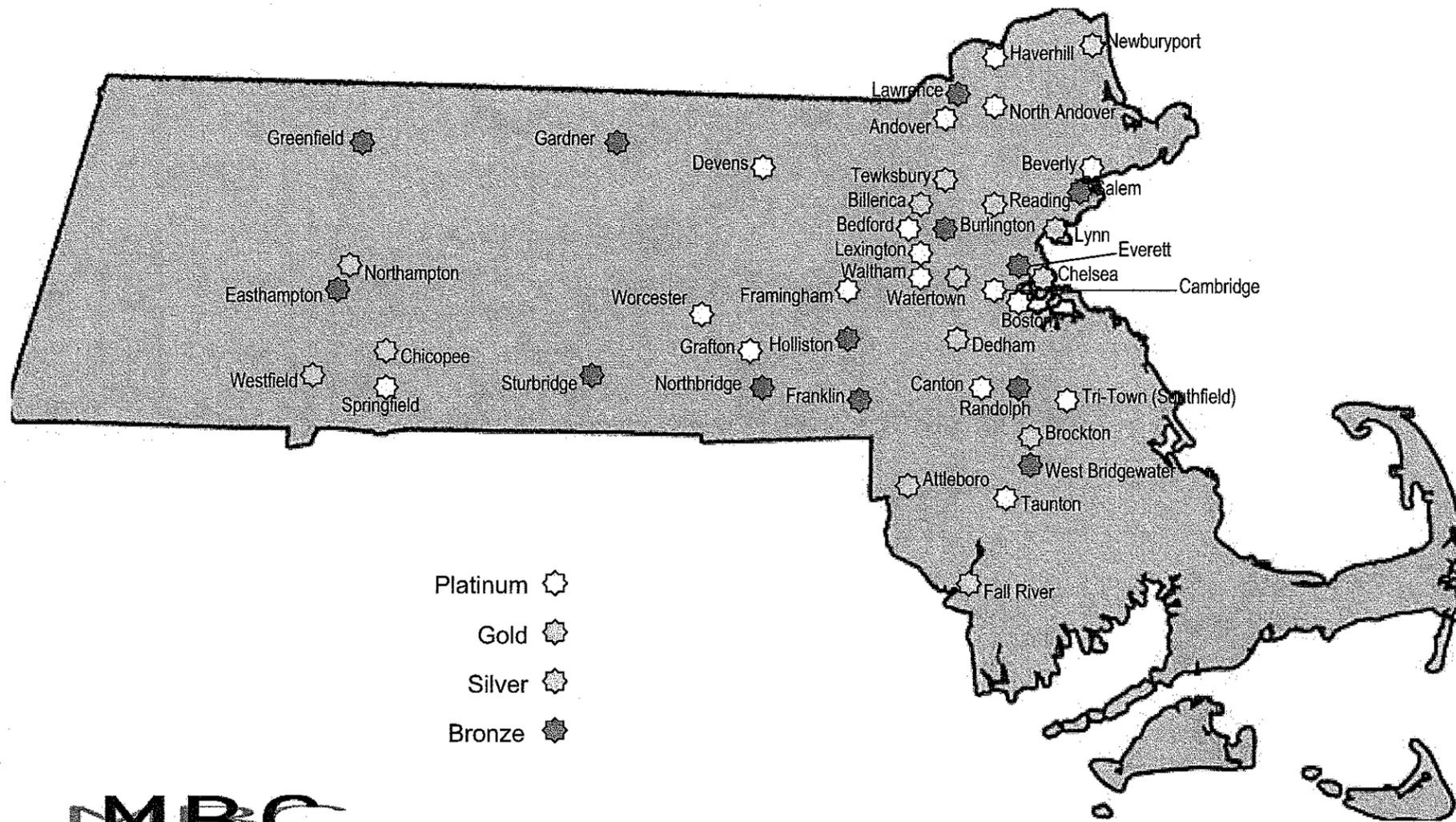
Platinum - A municipality meets Gold criteria *plus* has adopted the National Institutes of Health guidelines on rDNA activity as part of its Board of Health regulations, has a building or buildings that are already permitted for biotech uses and which have 20,000+ square feet available space for biotech uses OR has a shovel-ready pre-permitted land site with completed MEPA review and municipal water and sewer capacity to meet additional demand.

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| Andover | Boston | Devens | Haverhill | Springfield | Waltham |
| Bedford | Cambridge | Framingham | Lexington | Taunton | Worcester |
| Beverly | Canton | Grafton | North Andover | Tri-Town (Southfield) | |

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Massachusetts BioReady Community Ratings Map

(April 2009)



- Platinum
- Gold
- Silver
- Bronze

