

Shimmer Research opens Cambridge R&D Centre

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Realtime Technologies, a leading Irish technology company founded in Dublin, Ireland, has announced the establishment of its North American headquarters in Boston, Massachusetts. Realtime Technologies' will use its US base to further grow its Shimmer Research division. The new office will employ a research and development team as well as sales and marketing representatives.

The Realtime Technologies announcement correlates with the President of Ireland's visit to Massachusetts. President Mary *McAleese* met with Governor Deval Patrick this week to discuss ways to further build upon the economic, academic, and cultural ties between Ireland and Massachusetts. Ireland is an important piece of the Massachusetts economy. Ireland is a leading country in terms of foreign investment into Massachusetts and Irish owned companies employ thousands of Massachusetts workers.

“An important aspect of our trade strategy focuses on economic relationships with foreign countries. These partnerships help forge business connections and open new markets for bilateral investment. Foreign direct investment is a proven growth engine for our economy and bolsters the Commonwealth's reputation as the global center for innovation,” said Ted Carr, Executive Director, Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment.

In June 2008 Realtime Technologies launched Shimmer, a hardware research platform designed for wearable health sensing in both connected and wireless environments. Shimmer helps researchers reduce the time spent developing core foundation technologies, allowing them to focus on their own specific research and, subsequently, reducing overall development time for advanced medical devices. This ultimately serves to improve patient care and quality of life.

The Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment first engaged Realtime Technologies in 2007 and recently met with the company in their Dublin offices. This company expansion is an example of the strong pipeline of bilateral trade and technology that exists between Massachusetts and Ireland. Massachusetts Office of International Trade and Investment will work with Enterprise Ireland to assist Shimmer as it builds its presence in Boston.

Enterprise Ireland's US East Coast Manager, Sean Davis, said "Realtime Technologies is a great example of the innovation in Ireland today and Enterprise Ireland has been proud to support this company. We are further delighted they have chosen Massachusetts as its US HQ, a state with such strong connections with Ireland. We look forward to working with Realtime Technologies and their Shimmer team in the future"

In its first 12 months the Shimmer Research division has experienced rapid growth and has customers in over 20 countries to date.

Commenting on the opening, Kieran Daly, VP of Business Development at Shimmer Research noted, " The new office is an ideal location for Shimmer Research to further develop our North American market. Boston was an obvious choice for us owing to its cluster of medical technology companies along with a highly educated workforce and culture of innovation. "

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