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Economic Development

(Arizona) New global corporate headquarters headed to Phoenix area ([Phoenix Business Journal](#))- Arizona just landed its third corporate headquarters relocation this year. Rogers Corp. (NYSE:ROG), an engineered materials solution firm, is moving its global headquarters from namesake Rogers, Connecticut, to Chandler. The company already has a major business and manufacturing process in the city. Bruce D. Hoechner, president and CEO of Rogers, said the decision supports the company's long-term strategy and is an integral part of its plans for growth and expansion. "Relocating our corporate headquarters to Arizona improves our access to the growing business and technology centers on the West Coast," Hoechner said.

N.J. Pension-Funding Measure Off 2016 Ballot as Deadline Missed ([Bloomberg](#))- New Jersey won't ask voters to mandate quarterly pension payments after the Democrat-controlled state Senate missed the deadline to get the measure on the ballot this November. The proposed constitutional amendment, supported by public-employee unions, had appeared on track. Then, Senate President Steve Sweeney said he wouldn't put the measure up for a vote in his chamber because of an impasse over how to fund roadwork and mass-transit projects. Republican Governor Chris Christie has called mandated pension payments a "road to ruin" that would prioritize retirement payments over education, health-care and other spending.

Healthcare

Zika prevention coming to Florida public classrooms ([TampaBay.com](#))- As confirmed Zika cases creep up Florida's east coast, Gov. Rick Scott is calling for prevention of the mosquito-borne virus to begin in the classroom. The same day a non-travel Zika case was confirmed in Palm Beach County, marking 17 total cases in Florida, the governor directed the state Department of Health and the state Department of Education to partner together to provide Zika prevention guidance materials and resources for public school districts, state colleges and state universities in time for the start of the 2016-17 school year. Each school district office, public college and public university will receive posters, palm cards, door hangers and other education materials that can be displayed throughout campuses and sent home with students. Kindergarten through 12th grade teachers will receive the Florida Department of Health's Zika teacher toolkit, which includes messages and activities aligning with the Florida Standards that can be incorporated into teachers' lesson plans.

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan Announces \$3 Million to Fight State's Heroin Epidemic ([Montgomery Community Media](#))- Maryland Governor Larry Hogan has announced that his administration is providing \$3 million in state grants to help eradicate the heroin epidemic in Maryland, including \$35,000 for a heroin coordinator at the Montgomery County Police Department. According to a news release, a total of \$931,371 will go toward funding a heroin coordinator in law enforcement agencies in every region of the state, while a total of \$2,070,397 will go to nine jurisdictions to continue the Safe Streets Initiative, an offender-based program that tracks down and arrests the most serious, violent, and repeat offenders while connecting those offenders struggling with substance abuse to drug treatment, health care, education, and other services. This year, five Safe Streets sites will be funded to hire peer recovery specialists to integrate treatment into the model. Both programs will support the recommendations of the Heroin & Opioid Emergency Task Force, which released its report after holding regional stakeholder summits to hear first-hand about the ravages of the epidemic on communities throughout the state.

Public Safety

Branstad announces Iowa's new cybersecurity plan ([KCCI Des Moines](#))- Gov. Terry Branstad and state officials announced a new cybersecurity plan Monday. That plan was developed after a directive from the governor in December of last year. He called on state officials to create the state's first-ever Iowa Cybersecurity Strategy. The strategy outlines how the state should better able to not only respond to cybersecurity events but also proactively prevent risks for citizens and government. The strategy primarily focuses on lifeline critical infrastructure sectors, such as energy, transportation, and communication, and state government as it relates to the protection of digital government services and citizens. The strategy also outlines training for state employees, public education, and coordination with private businesses and educational

institutions.

Education

Martinez Announces Prepaid Debit Cards For All New Mexico Teachers To Buy Classroom Supplies ([Los Alamos Daily Post](#))- Today, Gov. Susana Martinez announced that all New Mexico teachers will receive a prepaid \$100 debit card to help buy classroom materials and supplies for the second year in a row. "As I've traveled around the state, teachers often tell me they have to pay for classroom supplies out of their own pocket," Martinez said. "With these debit cards, we'll help cover the costs while making sure our teachers, kids and classrooms are equipped for the year ahead." Martinez continues to work to make sure New Mexico's schools, teachers, and students have the resources and tools needed to succeed. Under the Governor's leadership, New Mexico is now spending more on education than ever before, with more dollars going directly into the classroom. New Mexico also is offering additional pay for the highest-performing teachers, incentives to recruit more teachers for hard-to-staff areas and subjects, and support and professional development like the teacher mentorship program. Martinez has also raised the starting teacher salary twice.

Good Government

Governor Baker to sign Municipal Modernization Bill into law ([WWLP](#))- Local governments in Massachusetts could soon have more freedom to make decisions, change laws, and spend money; it's all part of a bill that Governor Charlie Baker is expected to sign on Tuesday. The Municipal Modernization Bill aims to make it easier for towns and cities to make their own decisions by updating and eliminating laws that haven't been tweaked since the 1900's. Governor Baker has referred to this bill, as the "Weed Whacker," bill. The governor said it'll get rid of outdated laws that have been in effect for years, but now hinder local governments more than they help. Governor Baker said this bill will benefit nearly every aspect of local government, from day-to-day operations, to economic development. He's expected to sign the bill into law Tuesday afternoon.

Energy

Newly Signed Energy Bill Poised To Jump-Start Offshore Wind In Mass. ([North American WindPower](#))- Today, Gov. Charlie Baker, R-Mass., signed into law H.4568, An Act Relative to Energy Diversity, which will require Massachusetts to generate 1.6 GW of electricity from offshore wind over the next 10 years. According to the National Wildlife Federation, the comprehensive energy bill includes America's largest-ever state commitment to offshore wind power to date. The state House first proposed a 1.2 GW offshore wind carve-out; in the state Senate's version, the carve-out was upped to 2 GW. However, last week, the state legislature green-lighted 1.6 GW. In addition, the bill requires utilities to competitively solicit and contract for approximately 1.2 GW of clean energy generation – hydropower; onshore wind and solar supported by hydropower; or stand-alone onshore wind, solar or other Class I renewable resources. The legislation also establishes a commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program. The program, facilitated by MassDevelopment and the Department of Energy Resources, will enable commercial and industrial property owners across the state to finance comprehensive energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades that are repaid through a property tax assessment on their building, according to a release from the governor's office.