

further hurts the New England economy.

The movements of the New England commercial electronics industry mirror those of most industries in the region, whether they are manufacturing a product or providing a service. Most of the movement of companies or parts of companies is out of New England (or out of the Northeast ) In some instances, companies have left their corporate staff behind, but moved manufacturing . Many companies have made interim moves of certain business/product lines with plans to move all manufacturing in the future.

Unlike the shoe industry, heavy industries or consumer electronics industry which all left the Northeast for the sunbelt or Asia in the 1960's, 70's and early 80's, the commercial electronics industry was thought to have "staying power" based on the low labor and high technology input. What has occurred is the impact of a world recession and a need to concentrate activities in an optimum location (usually not the Northeast United States or New England).

The companies in this study are comprised of new parents, have new names, have new or fewer products, have a new location or will be moving in the months ahead. Their inclusion is based on consolidation or economic incentive, and a radical reduction in employment.