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TOLEDO ACCEPTED INTO NATIONAL TECHHIRE INITIATIVE

Toledo Joins 19 Other Communities in Today's Announcement Dedicated to Building Inclusive Tech Ecosystems

TOLEDO, OHIO (December 1, 2016) – Toledo has been announced as one of 20 additional TechHire communities dedicated to creating pathways for more Americans to access well-paying tech jobs and expanding local tech sectors in communities across the country. Toledo will be joining a national network of 70 TechHire communities in receiving support to spearhead efforts to help overlooked and underrepresented Americans start technology careers.

We applied to join the national TechHire network to get access to the best practices and resources other TechHire communities have developed. Our application process took advantage of existing grassroots efforts by companies, training providers, and community organizations. We look forward to helping fill Toledo's IT talent pipeline.

– Keith Instone, Tech Toledo

Toledo's designation as a TechHire Community was only made possible due to the efforts of Tech Toledo, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, OhioMeansJobs Lucas County, and our team of employers, training providers, and community organizations. All TechHire communities go through an intensive and competitive application process to demonstrate their level of commitment and readiness in expanding the technology sector. This TechHire designation shows that Toledo has the partners, employers, training providers, and the civil leadership support needed to implement and scale tech job opportunities for everyone.

"We are very pleased to welcome Toledo to the TechHire Initiative," said Tess Posner, Managing Director of TechHire at Opportunity@Work, "Toledo has demonstrated a true commitment to making opportunities in tech more inclusive in your community, and we at Opportunity@Work look forward to working with you to help implement, grow, and amplify your efforts."

To learn more about the Toledo TechHire initiative, go to TechHireToledo.com.



The communities that will join the National TechHire Initiative in today's announcement are:

- Alachua and Bradford Counties, FL
- Anchorage, AK
- Arizona
- Carroll County, MD
- Central Florida
- El Paso County, TX
- Bellevue, WA
- Boston, MA
- Howard County, MD
- Mobile, AL
- Oklahoma City, OK
- Omaha, NE
- Pensacola, FL
- Puerto Rico
- Santa Fe and Northern New Mexico
- Stamford, CT
- Tampa Bay Metro Region, FL
- Toledo, OH
- Trenton City, NJ
- Tulsa, OK

ABOUT TECHHIRE

TechHire, an initiative powered by Opportunity@Work, is a nationwide, community-based movement that helps underrepresented job seekers start careers in the technology industry. TechHire partners with education providers from across the tech community to teach in-demand skills to people who want to take part in the modern economy—from overlooked youth, to veterans, to the long-term unemployed; and helps them find jobs by connecting them to a network of employers looking for tech talent. To learn more, visit www.techhire.org.

ABOUT OPPORTUNITY@WORK

Opportunity@Work is a nonprofit social enterprise with a mission to expand access to career opportunities so that all Americans can work, learn, and earn to their full potential in a dynamic economy. By 2025, Opportunity@Work will empower over 1 million Americans, creating \$20 billion+ per year of additional earnings for Americans across the country. Opportunity@Work expands access to career opportunities for all by building partnerships with employers, community organizations, civic leadership and job seekers to transform hiring practices, expand learning pathways, and pioneer talent financing. To learn more, visit www.opportunityatwork.org.

TECHHIRE TOLEDO – LEAD ORGANIZATIONS

Tech Toledo is the Hub Operator for TechHire Toledo. Tech Toledo connects the IT, design and entrepreneur communities in the Toledo region by guiding grass root efforts, organizing events for networking and education, and providing strategic roadmaps for collaboration.

Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce provides the connections, advocacy and leadership to foster economic growth and prosperity in the Toledo Region. The Chamber helps convene businesses for TechHire initiatives.

OhioMeansJobs Lucas County's One-Stop System will provide quality-driven workforce services that assist individuals in developing and enhancing a multitude of work skill sets to meet the current and future needs of local businesses while embracing local economic growth and individual prosperity. OMJ Lucas County connects TechHire with other workforce development organizations.

For more information, visit techhiretoledo.com

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