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NEWS + NOTES

Several national publications have reported there are almost a million jobs going unfilled as a result of the skills gap between technically qualified workers and employment opportunities. Locally, we have decided to help upgrade and grow our talent pool with the launch of CODEcamp, an augmentative education program focused on current development technologies.

CODEcamp’s Maclab at FS2 is funded entirely by Digital Corridor members with instructors hailing from member companies. CODEcamp is a component of the Digital Corridor’s overall workforce development “strategic doing” plan.

Flagship + FS2

The Flagships (1 & 2) continue playing a prominent role in supporting Charleston’s knowledge economy. Launched in June 2009, these facilities currently have 25 companies in residence with 35 graduates contributing to the growth of our knowledge economy. The city’s $620k funding to build these facilities is proving to be a great return on investment.

Corridor Classic

This summer, the Digital Corridor is hosting a new, annual summer networking event complete with a cornhole tournament, jam session and cookout for Digital Corridor members and CODEcamp participants. Thanks to our sponsors Blue Acorn, BlueKey, BoomTown, eGroup, Environmental Express, Integral Solutions Group, LifeCycle Engineering and SPARC. If you are eligible to attend, please click here to register.

New Additions to CDCF Board

The Charleston Digital Corridor Foundation (CDCF), a nonprofit 501(c)6, is governed by a seven-person board. This board will be joined by three new entrepreneurial leaders who are committed to growing Charleston’s knowledge economy: Kevin Eichelberger, Founder & CEO, Blue Acorn; Nate DaPore, CEO, PeopleMatter; and Eric Wages, Operations Manager, Google Data Center in Berkeley County.

CODEcamp Update

Currently, 42 students are enrolled in three courses at CODEcamp – jQuery, iOS and Ruby on Rails. This month, a six-week, Web Basics class has been added. Seats for this class are still available. To sign up for this class, please visit CharlestonCodes.com. Want to take a class not currently offered? Request the class through the CODEcamp website. Follow along on twitter for up-to-date information.

NEW MEMBER COMPANIES

The Digital Corridor is pleased to serve the following companies who have joined us – the only organization dedicated exclusively to nurturing Charleston’s knowledge economy:

Serendipite Studios
Serendipite Studios builds eTools for authors, publicists and authors.

2nd Floor Company
2nd Floor Company is a digital agency that helps clients form an online strategy that goes beyond having a "website."

Eatabit.com
Eatabit.com is a super-easy online restaurant ordering service that provides restaurants with the ability to offer online ordering from iPhone, Droid, Blackberry, iPad, desktops, laptops, PCs and Macs.

Complete EDI Solutions
Complete EDI Solutions is a software and services provider. CES provides Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), computer to computer exchange of standard business documents in electronic format between two or more companies.

The Modern Connection
The Modern Connection is a social media firm. More importantly, the Modern Connection is your communication partner and works as an extension of your business—creating community, trusted relationships and engagement.

Think New, Inc.
Think New, Inc. is a full-service internet marketing company dedicated to furthering the presence of businesses online.

Broad Street Interactive
Broad Street Interactive creates and executes digital media advertising strategies and plans that engage your audience, drive traffic, build awareness and sell your widgets.

STAY INFORMED
If you are interested in keeping up with happenings at the Digital Corridor, you can get timely updates by following us on Twitter or Facebook. You just might get insights and tidbits not found in other news outlets. Did you know that we have meet-the-artist receptions quarterly at the Flagship?

THANK YOU
Finally, thank you for your continued support of the Charleston Digital Corridor. Our success is a reflection of the terrific engagement and collaboration we have received from you. Stop by and see us. Continued Success!!

Sincerely,

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The Talent Portal is an online job listing and skills bank repository for Charleston's growing, knowledge-based community. These tools are designed for Digital
Corridor member companies who are searching for talent (actively and passively) and individuals who desire tech-related work opportunities in the Charleston region.