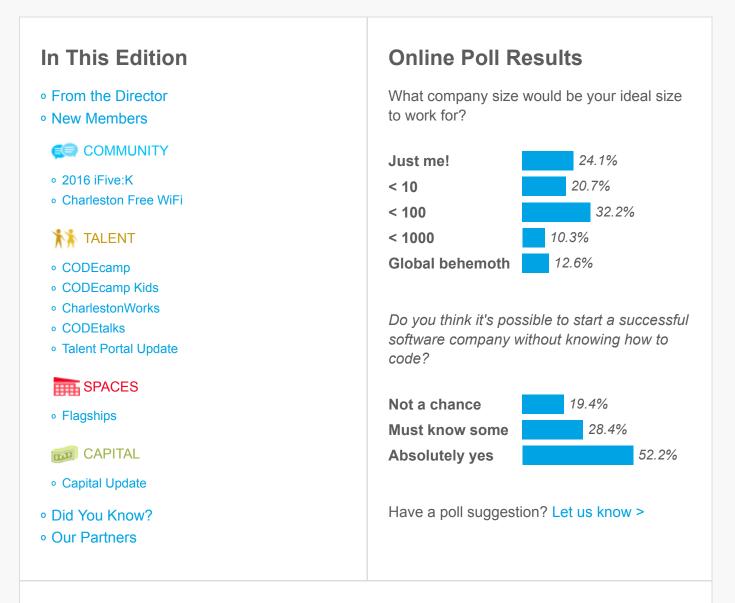


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# From the Director

Hard to believe another year has passed, and faster than ever! In 2015, Charleston's tech community continued firing on all cylinders - company growth, acquisitions, capital investment, community engagement, talent acquisition & development, national rankings and more.

For our part, the Charleston Digital Corridor continued to raise its game from the annual iFive:K, {CODESHOW}SE, CODEcamp, Flagship3, and Wi-Fi deployments while transitioning to a private foundation led by a distinguished board of industry leaders. 2016 already looks to continue, even accelerate, the momentum!

# Welcome New Members

The Digital Corridor is pleased to welcome the following new member companies:

#### Launchpeer



Launchpeer specializes in creating web & mobile experiences that not only wow users but also produce measurable results for our clients.

#### Rhinogram



Rhinogram is a unified inbox to do customer service through messaging instead of the phone.

#### Reactiv

#### COMPANY

Reactiv is a Charleston-based government and commercial software contractor providing highly responsive, resilient, and scalable solutions for today's demanding needs.

## SageSmith Consulting, LLC

#### COMPANY

SageSmith builds custom software solutions for city, county and state Elections Administrators.

#### **Monolith Software**

COMPANY

Monolith's SaaS BI, application development and professional services practice support for some of the most recognizable brands in the hospitality, beverage, and non-profit sectors.

#### **Optizmo**

COMPANY

Optizmo is an Enterprise Class Solution for automating suppression list management and streamlining all of your subscriber's "OPT-OUT" preferences.

Interested in becoming a Corridor member? Learn more >

#### ThingWorx

ThingWorx is the first IoT platform designed to build and run applications of the connected world.

### Tracen Technologies, Inc.

COMPANY

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Tracen provides superior software development and information technology services to enhance productivity and increase profits for customers.

#### 2016 iFive:K

After another record breaking event last April, the 2016 race marks a new chapter for the annual iFive:K. Due to the continued swelling of our regional tech community and the popularity of this 5k race, we have selected Riverfront Park as the venue for the 2016 race and after-party. The both annual iFive:K will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 and we are hard at work on preparations already. Tickets are expected to go on sale mid-January (and historically sell out very quickly) so follow us @iFiveK on Twitter and subscribe to our newsletter to be sure you're among the first to know!

#### **Charleston Free WiFi**

Free public Wi-Fi continues to expand to more parks around the Lowcountry. The most recent addition is the beautiful Riverfront Park funded by the city of North Charleston. From the initial Google grant in 2012 that kicked off Marion Square in downtown Charleston, there are now nine parks managed by our Charleston Free WiFi initiative, with more to come.



#### CODEcamp

CODEcamp continues to grow and evolve. Since it's inception in 2012, the program has hosted over 1,400 students with a continually refined curriculum driven by the valuable feedback of both students and area tech employers. Learn more and sign up for a class at the CODEcamp website.

#### **CODEcamp Kids**

In November, CODEcamp Kids was expanded beyond a summer-camp only format to now a year-round code education initiative for kids aged 10-14. You can learn more about this program and view photos of the first session.

An important component of this program is the Level-Up scholarship program for underprivileged children. Please contact us for more information and if you would like to sponsor a child. Your contribution is tax deductible.

#### CharlestonWorks

CharlestonWorks continues to grow! This company showcase now features 279 tech and tech-related businesses in the Charleston region. Help us keep this awesome resource accurate by adding/updating your company information and hiring status.

This SaaS tool is now available to other communities wishing to promote companies within targeted business sectors. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more.

#### CODEtalks

More code please! The CODEtalks series continues to be popular with Charleston's development community. If you were not able to attend the most recent day-long event in October, you can view our CODEtalks channel to catch some of the presentation. CODEtalks are held every other month as a Fridays @ the Corridor event and the next one is already scheduled for January 22, 2016. Learn more & signup here.

## **Talent Portal Update**

We continue to roll out improvements to the Digital Corridor's Talent Portal. In addition to tech companies being able to post their job openings, career seekers can now upload their resume and manage their talent profile. Further, potential employers can now browse all career seeker profiles and download selected resumes. Stay tuned for even more updates in the near future for both employers and career seekers!

## Flagships

The Flagships continue to be the place for tech and tech-related companies. Learn more about our Space offerings and our newest resident company & member SageSmith Consulting. Please contact us if you are interested in one of our two currently available single office opportunities.

While on the topic of tech office space, thanks to a long-term lease from the city of Charleston, the Charleston Digital Corridor is moving forward with development of a Flagship3, a landmark multi-building office campus to exclusively support the continued growth of Charleston's tech companies. The first building, at approximately 60,000 square feet, and an adjacent city garage is scheduled for delivery in 2017.

CAPITAL

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## **Capital Update**

The second half of 2015 was marked by some substantial financial investment and acquisition activity for companies in Charleston including Phishlabs, Pokitdok, PlanSource, SPARC, and PureCars to name some of the bigger transactions. Congratulations to the respective leadership teams for building great companies and expanding their footprint locally. If we can assist you with capital opportunities, please contact us.

# **Did You Know?**

The Milken Institute's ranked Charleston 17th in its 2015 Best Performing Cities Index among large cities nationally, up 22 spots from 2014. Importantly, the region's tech sector ranked 12th, growing 16% faster than the national average between 2008 and 2013.

The Flagships' three conference facilities, gallery and lounge spaces are available to member companies for meetings & events at very attractive rates compared with other downtown venues. For more information, contact us.

# Thanks to Our Partners







# Special Thanks to Recent CODEcamp Kids Sponsors

The following are individuals and organizations who truly value the efforts of the Digital Corridor and showed their support and appreciation through direct donations to the CDC Education Foundation in support of "Level Up" scholarships for minority and under-privileged kids who recently attended CODEcamp Kids - Cyber Academy.

Neil Robinson	Google	Mark Phleiger
Marc Murphy	Carolina Voyager	SPARC

Thank you for your continued support of the Charleston Digital Corridor. Our success is a reflection of our terrific engagement and collaboration. Continued success!! - Ernest Andrade, Director

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Fridays	Flagship2	Affiliates	Post Job
Corridor Bash	Flagship3	Investors	Browse Talent
Flagship Gallery			Post Resume
WiFi Parks	CAPITAL	DIRECTORY	
Outreach	ATTRACTION	Members	ABOUT
		Affiliates	History
TALENT	Accolades	Investors	Foundation
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