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**Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, and Full Employment Council Partner on TechHire Initiative to Connect Area Job Seekers to Jobs**

*Program will help region compete for tech talent and companies.*

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 31, 2018) – The Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, (EDCKC) announced today that it has been named Kansas City’s designated TechHire Sector Intermediary for Information Technology and Financial Services for the Full Employment Council (FEC). As such, the EDCKC will provide staff support to convene employers in the IT and financial services sectors to provide industry advised training and employment opportunities through the public workforce system in the Kansas City, Missouri region. This initiative will create a systematic interface between the FEC and the EDCKC to provide employment and training to the unemployed and underemployed residents of Kansas City, Missouri and the surrounding area.

“We recognize that workforce is the key to continuing to grow our target industries and future talent in the region,” said Bob Langenkamp, EDCKC president and CEO. “Partnerships such as this one enhance our city’s ability to compete with other markets and further the EDCKC’s ability to be an essential labor development partner to the Kansas City business community.”

“This is a system integration between the public workforce system, led by Full Employment Council, which provides career counseling, job training and job placement services, and the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, which provides technical support, financial assistance and advocacy services to recruit, expand and retain business in Kansas City,” said Clyde McQueen, President and CEO of the Full Employment Council. “This link between economic development and workforce development systems in our city will directly provide expanded training and career opportunities that pay family sustainable wages for our residents.”

[TechHire](#) is a national network of communities, educators and employers who work together to provide accelerated tech training to unemployed and underemployed individuals in order to help fill the more than 500,000 open tech jobs in the country. The program includes an initial interview, training in core IT competencies, specific sector training developed by experts in target industries and an 8 to 12-week paid internship or apprenticeship.

In the Kansas City region, multiple organizations, corporations and educational institutions have agreed to partner to build pathways to well-paying technology jobs through TechHire.

**About the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri ([EDCKC](#))**

*The Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City, Missouri, is a 501c4 agency that works to retain and grow*

*its resident businesses, attract high opportunity companies to locate in the city, and attract and retain a skilled and diverse workforce all to ensure a vibrant community and growing, self-sustaining economy.*

**About the Full Employment Council, Inc. ([FEC](#))**

*The Full Employment Council, Inc. (FEC) is the designated strategic workforce organization for the Greater Kansas City, Missouri Area and Managing Entity/Fiscal Agent for the Kansas City & Vicinity Workforce Development Board and the Eastern Jackson County Workforce Development Board.*

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