

## Community Planning and Economic Development News Release

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### ***Over 100 Expected to Attend Second Annual IT Career and Training Expo***

***With over 6,977 IT jobs open in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul-Bloomington, the event is expected to help employers fill immediate openings.***

**WHAT:** On Tuesday, November 15, City of Minneapolis Employment and Training in partnership with Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and Hennepin County are hosting the Second Annual IT Career and Training expo at the Minneapolis Central Library at 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

With over 6,977 open technology jobs in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul-Bloomington area (Source: Burning Glass Technologies), the Second Annual IT Career and Training Expo is an opportunity for employers with immediate vacancies in entry level and senior level positions to connect with potential employees. It also provides an opportunity for those interested in entering the tech field to meet with accelerated training providers and learn more about a variety of career opportunities.

Starting at 10:00 a.m., the IT Industry Panel will share inside tips on how to enter careers in IT across diverse industry sectors and at various professional levels. Panelists include IT leaders from Xcel Energy, the state of Minnesota's MINIT department, and the Minnesota High Tech Association's SciTechxperience internship program.

Following, attendees will meet face-to-face with hiring managers and/or accelerated training providers offering low cost and free software boot camps that lead to desktop support and software development jobs among others

Attendees are encouraged to plan to attend the event for 1-2 hours to fully network with potential employers. Employment counselors suggest dressing professionally and bringing multiple copies of a resume; a government-issued ID; and a list of professional references.

The Second Annual IT Career and Training is funded in part by the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

IT Industry Panel  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

IT Career Fair  
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Minneapolis Downtown Library  
300 Nicollet Mall (Second Level)  
Minneapolis, MN 55401  
(The downtown library is accessible via metro Blue and Green lines, and serviced by multiple bus routes)

**MORE:** In 2015, the City of Minneapolis became one of the nation's first TechHire cities. Under the MSP TechHire program the City of Minneapolis and its partners are committed to closing the workforce skills gap in the high tech economy by building a path for diverse workers to access training, support and tech jobs across the Greater Minneapolis Region. To date, over 164 employers are engaged in TechHire and 464 trainees have graduated of which 32% are women and 24% are minority. To learn more visit [www.MSPTechHire.org](http://www.MSPTechHire.org).

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