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KC Tech Council Announces Selection of Polsinelli as Lobbyist of Record, Plans to Advocate for Computer Science Education

KC Tech Council members and educators across the state will convene in Jefferson City to advocate for the expansion of computer science education standards and access.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (January 16, 2018) — The KC Tech Council announced today that it has selected Polsinelli as its lobbyist of record in both Missouri and Kansas. The partnership also designates Polsinelli as a Visionary Sponsor of the KC Tech Council, the organization's largest investment to date.

Polsinelli will join the KC Tech Council, along with other member companies, educators, Code.org officials and representatives from across Missouri in the state capitol for a Legislative Day on Wednesday, January 17. The delegation will spend the day meeting with legislators and administration officials, advocating for expanded standards and access for computer science education in K-12 schools. Polsinelli is an Am Law 100 firm with more than 800 attorneys nationwide, and headquartered in Kansas City, Mo.

"This partnership with Polsinelli is an exciting step for our organization," said KC Tech Council President Ryan Weber. "In the immediate future, we believe that technology companies can only thrive in cities that produce their own talent. Many of the opportunities to improve the talent pipeline come with legislative change. Polsinelli's counsel and expertise will benefit our member companies and the tech industry throughout the region."

Polsinelli has been a long-time supporter of the KC Tech Council, with several of its shareholders serving on the organization's board since its inception. Polsinelli Shareholder Jim Stipek currently serves on the KC Tech Council's executive committee.

"The tech industry is the driving force of growth and innovation in our region," said Stipek. "The KC Tech Council serves as the voice of this critical industry. We're pleased to lend our support and expertise to help advance the important policies that will elevate our region as a leading tech hub."

About KC Tech Council

The KC Tech Council serves as the regional advocate for the tech industry, comprised of 130+ member and sponsor companies ranging from large enterprises to small businesses. Advocacy work is focused around three strategic pillars: industry access and connectivity, public policy advocacy at every level of government, and workforce development.

In conjunction with strategic partners, active stakeholders and unique cultural and lifestyle advantages, the KC Tech Council elevates Kansas City as a leading technology hub.

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