



The Connecticut Technology Council Reports Tech-Oriented Companies Added 2000 Jobs in 2016 with Average Wages About 60% Higher Than the Average Wage in Connecticut

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The Connecticut Technology Council (CTC), a statewide association of over 2,000 technology oriented companies and institutions, provides policy advocacy, community building and assistance for high tech companies that employ some 200,000 residents.

CTC and its president, Bruce Carlson, have long been partners with the OCC and the State Broadband Office in advocating for a culture of innovation in Connecticut, seeking to establish collaborations to firmly establish the state as a national leader in making affordable broadband internet access for all premises, including residents and small businesses, across the state.

CTC has just commented on a report compiled by its national technology industry association, CompTIA, using data showing that the Connecticut Tech Sector once again continues to set the pace for job and wage growth in the state. <http://ct.org/ct-technology-sector-strong-and-getting-stronger/>

The facts demonstrate that tech and tech-oriented companies in Connecticut added nearly 2000 jobs in 2016, and the average wage for a tech worker is about 60% higher than the average wage in Connecticut: \$105,500 vs. \$65,800, respectively. In addition, it is estimated by the report, Cyberstates™ 2017, <http://cyberstates.org/> that the Connecticut Tech Sector represents 5.3% of the overall state economy.

Carlson notes that this annual report ranked Connecticut 26th in tech employment, which needs boosting. That ranking is, however, comparable to its peer states (in demographics, economic make up, and population), Maryland (16th), Oregon (21st), Minnesota (17th), and Colorado (14th).

We join with Carlson in believing that Connecticut has an existing strong tech foundation in its people, companies, and organizations which, with continued energy, drive, and focus, has the potential to greatly and rapidly improve our national ranking in future reports, increasing

economic development and jobs creation in these evermore essential industries in the Digital Economy sweeping the Nation.



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