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2nd Annual Vancouver Tech Tour on September 18 to Feature more than 14 Clark County-Based Tech Companies

VANCOUVER, WA (Sept. 12, 2018) – Job seekers, tech enthusiasts and students interested in learning about Clark County's growing tech community and job opportunities are invited to interact with local tech companies on Tuesday, September 18 from 4-7 p.m. at various locations throughout downtown Vancouver.

The event will begin at DiscoverOrg, a local B2B marketing and sales intelligence solution company, at 805 Broadway, Suite 900, and continue to the tech companies and other downtown locations hosting tech reps, including Tap Union, Trusty Brewing Company, Smokin' Oak, Brewed, Heathen and others.

The event will culminate at 7 p.m. with an afterparty at CoLab Collective, a co-working space at <u>810 Main Street</u>, where attendees will have the chance to win raffle prizes as well as more opportunities to network with participating companies and other like-minded individuals. Additionally, VanTechy, a local tech meetup, will outline its plans for the 2018-2019 meetups.

Approximately 14 tech companies are set to participate and will either open the doors at their downtown offices or have representatives stationed throughout downtown in coffee houses, brew pubs and restaurants.

Individuals will tour through downtown Vancouver to find out what technology companies are working on, experience their company culture, network with others and learn about job openings.

To register, visit <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-vancouver-tech-tour-tickets-47677498682</u>. Tickets are \$10 per individual and \$5 for students.

"Last year was our first Tech Tour and it was a great success and a lot of fun," said Eric Preisz, an operating partner at Graham Software investment firm. "We are working to build on last year's event, but the biggest growth is that there are many more tech companies with offices and presence downtown."

Participating tech companies include:

- ACH Marketing
- CoLab
- DiscoverOrg
- Edge Networks
- ForgeRock
- Formos
- Gravitate
- GTMA

- Interject Data Systems
- Perfect Company
- RealWear
- Sigma Design
- SmartRG
- Webfor

The Vancouver Tech Tours is program of the Technology Association and hosted in collaboration with Workforce Southwest Washington, VanTechy, Columbia River Economic Development Council (CREDC) and North Bank Innovations.

About Workforce Southwest Washington <u>www.workforcesw.org</u>. Workforce Southwest Washington invests in and provides resources for employment and training programs in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties. In the past decade, we've invested more than \$82.3 million to get people working in Southwest Washington.

About VanTechy <u>www.meetup.com/VanTechy</u>. VanTechy is the social starting point for Vancouver Tech. We host free events and meetups on topics from AI to UX.

About CREDC <u>www.credc.org</u>. Serving Clark County since 1982, CREDC is a private-public partnership of over 150 investors and partners working together to advance the economic vitality of Clark County. CREDC's mission is to develop a strong, innovative Clark County business environment in collaboration with our private and public-sector partners.

About TAO <u>www.techoregon.org</u>. TAO unites the region's technology industry and is a recognized leader in shaping and growing technology and business communities. We empower businesses and entrepreneurs through networks, events, resources and more.

About North Bank Innovations <u>www.northbankinnovations.org</u>. North Bank Innovations connects Clark County startups with events and programs that can prep them for launching a startup or groom them for investment or to scale for success.

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