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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES ACCENTURE WILL CREATE 500 NEW HIGH-TECH JOBS

Announcement made during Chicago Ideas Week; Accenture to Help Advance Chicago's Global Reputation as a Center for Technology and Innovation by Attracting and Retaining Top Talent

Mayor Rahm Emanuel announced today that Accenture has committed to adding 500 jobs to its Chicago workforce, expanding the total number of jobs the Mayor has announced during his Administration to more than 7,000.

"To compete in the global marketplace, Chicago must attract and retain top talent and offer competitive, high-tech jobs," said Mayor Emanuel. "Accenture's leadership and expertise helps to drive the city towards being a center for technology and innovation in the country, and these new jobs will advance Chicago in this regard."

Accenture is a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, with more than 236,000 people serving clients in more than 120 countries. Chicago is Accenture's biggest U.S. office, with more than 5,000 employees. Combining unparalleled experience, comprehensive capabilities across all industries and business functions, and extensive research on the world's most successful companies, Accenture collaborates with clients to help them become high-performance businesses and governments.

"At Accenture, the success of our people is everything. To empower this success, we create a work environment and unique culture that enable the professional growth of our employees and enhance their ability to deliver high performance to our clients," said Jorge Benitez, Accenture Chief Executive – United States. "We hire highly motivated and talented individuals with well-developed skills and that's why Accenture embraces the diversity of the talent pool that a city like Chicago has to offer."



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In addition to employing more than 5,000 people in Chicago, Accenture works with 16 of the 18 Illinois Fortune 200 companies and with 21 of the 31 Illinois-based Fortune 500 companies. Accenture Chicago is also home to three Innovation Centers.

Accenture's commitment to Chicago is on display this week, as the company is the Innovation Partner of 'Chicago Ideas Week' and a host to college seniors as part of the City's *ThinkChicago* recruitment program. Accenture's Chicago senior executives serve on nearly 60 Boards and its community involvement programs touch dozens of organizations and tens of thousands of Chicago residents. As part of its Skills to Succeed initiative, Accenture will equip 250,000 people around the world by 2015 with the skills to get a job or build a business.

Additionally, Accenture is working with the City of Chicago as part of a procurement initiative with a focus on reducing costs throughout City government. The initiative was announced this past summer, and Accenture is in the midst of a spend analysis, and has identified millions in potential savings that will start to be realized in early 2012. Accenture is similarly working with the City's Chief Procurement Officer to begin supplier renegotiations as part of this project.

The Accenture announcement is the 11th jobs announcement the Mayor has made in his first four months in office, joining United Airlines (1,300 jobs); Motorola Solutions (400); GE Capital (1,000); Allscripts (300); Walgreens (600); EMC Inc. (200); Chase Bank (400); Seaton Corporation (400); Merge Healthcare (200) and Ford Motor Company (1,900).

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