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PAIGE WILLIAMS JOINS MONTANA HIGH TECH BUSINESS ALLIANCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Missoula Technology CEO Becomes Eighth Director of Statewide Business Organization Dedicated to Growth of High-Tech and Manufacturing Jobs in Montana

MISSOULA, Mont.— The Montana High Tech Business Alliance (The Alliance) announced today that Paige Williams has been elected to its statewide board of directors. Williams' appointment expands the board to eight directors.

Paige Williams is founder and CEO of The Audience Awards, a Missoula technology company that was recently awarded a Montana Department of Commerce grant for creating 15 high-paying tech jobs over the next two years. Williams was recognized as one of the Missoulian's first "Top 20 under 40" in 2013 and taught for the past five years as an adjunct professor in Media Arts and the Entertainment Management program at the University of Montana's School of Business Administration.

Williams holds a Master of Fine Arts in media arts and a master's in theatre directing from UM and also serves on the advisory board for the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival.

"Paige's leadership in the Missoula technology community and commitment to the Alliance's mission of accelerating the growth and visibility of Montana's high-tech and manufacturing companies make her a valuable addition to our board of directors," said Greg Gianforte, founder of RightNow Technologies in Bozeman and board chair of the Montana High Tech Business Alliance. "We are pleased to welcome Paige to the board and appreciate her willingness to serve."

According to Williams, the Alliance's vision for business growth and benefits like the group's jobs portal were key in persuading her to become a member. "As a business owner, I see the value in what Greg and the other founding board members are building," said Williams. "I'm honored to join the board and I look forward to helping the Alliance tell Montana's entrepreneurial success stories and support a strong economy so more of our college graduates can find creative, high-paying jobs in Montana."

Launched in April 2014, the Montana High Tech Business Alliance is a statewide membership organization made up of more than 110 high tech and manufacturing firms and affiliates. More information on the Alliance can be found at: www.MTHighTech.org.

The Audience Awards is a digital distribution platform for filmmakers featuring short film competitions. More information about The Audience Awards can be found at: <http://theaudienceawards.com/>.

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