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**MONTANA HIGH TECH BUSINESS ALLIANCE LAUNCHES JOBS PORTAL FOR HIGH TECH MONTANA JOBS TO INCREASE HIGH TECH JOB RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

**The Montana High Tech Business Alliance launches web-based jobs portal for high tech job seekers in Montana at [www.MTHighTech.org/jobs](http://www.MTHighTech.org/jobs)**

**MISSOULA, Mont.**— The Montana High Tech Business Alliance (The Alliance) is announcing the launch of its new web-based jobs portal that will connect Montanans to available high tech and manufacturing jobs across the state and help the Alliance’s 90 member firms with employee recruiting. Internship and apprenticeship opportunities for students will also be listed on the site.

“In the communities I visit around the state, many of the young people have had to move away to find gainful employment,” said Greg Gianforte, founder of RightNow Technologies in Bozeman and board chair of the Alliance. “This online jobs portal is one way we can keep our kids in Montana and help high tech companies find the talent they need to grow, and will also give Montana tech firms the resource to recruit interns, who often become full-time employees. We hope the jobs portal will be the go-to place for people seeking high-wage Montana jobs.”

The portal will meet the growing need in Montana to connect our high tech graduates with employment in Montana. At one state university this past spring, 100% of the computer science graduates took jobs out of state. The Montana High Tech Business Alliance’s 90-strong membership proves that this drain on graduate retention isn’t due to the lack of high tech positions in Montana. The Alliance’s jobs portal will be an asset that allows Montana’s high tech firms to compete with the larger recruiting arms of out-of-state firms. The Alliance will work with Montana colleges, alumni associations and other partners to promote the portal around the state and to Montana graduates who have already moved away.

“Our members consistently name employee recruiting as one of their biggest challenges,” said Christina Henderson, Executive Director of the Montana High Tech Business Alliance. “High tech and manufacturing jobs are high-paying jobs, and companies need a variety of workers; from welders and engineers to sales reps, marketers and c-level executives. By listing these jobs in one centralized location, we hope to make it easier for Alliance members and job seekers to find the perfect match in Montana.”

The Montana High Tech Business Alliance jobs portal can be found at: [www.MTHighTech.org/jobs](http://www.MTHighTech.org/jobs)

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