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NASHVILLE: OPEN POSITIONS CONTINUE TO RISE

Q4 Jobs Report Reveals 1,065 Technology Job Openings in Middle Tennessee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – January 7, 2011 – The Nashville Technology Council today announced the release of its Q4 2010 Technology Hiring Trends Report. In partnership with Vaco Technology, the report was created to provide insights into the needs of the Middle Tennessee's technology job sector and show the growth of what has become a pivotal portion of the local and regional economy.

Research concludes that over 1,065 technology related jobs are available in the Middle Tennessee area. The report was generated from public job postings from large job portals (i.e. <u>CareerBuilder</u>, <u>Monster</u>, etc.), specialty technology sites (i.e. <u>Dice</u>), and local employer sites. The total number of open positions was up 19% from Q3 results in Middle Tennessee.

The results confirm one important thing: Nashville is hiring. "Vaco continues to see increased demand for IT talent across our client base," said Jerry Bostelman, CEO of Vaco. "Progressive companies from startups to industry leaders realize their technological competitive edge is dependent on fielding the strongest team and are investing accordingly."

The highest number of openings came from enterprise health care technology companies: Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Community Health Systems (CHS), Vanderbilt and Vision Consulting. Core industries that are offering the majority of technical jobs in Middle Tennessee are government, healthcare, startups, and professional services.

The most prevalent technology position title advertised this quarter is Developer. Analyst positions were down slightly, but management positions experienced an increase. In addition to job openings, the report also illustrates programming languages that are required in the today's tech industry. .Net, and Java are still in highest demand for potential employees in the Middle Tennessee area, with SQL positions being a close third. Open Source technologies fall just behind these skill sets.

J.Tod Fetherling, President and CEO of Nashville Technology Council, commented, "Local efforts are beginning to pay dividends as we increase the total number of tech students in college and high school and re-train displaced workers from other industries."

To view the full report, click here.

About the Nashville Technology Council

The Nashville Technology Council is an exclusive, 501 (c)(6) professional membership based nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the Middle Tennessee technology community succeed. Created in 1999 as an affiliate of the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, the Technology Council represents, promotes and supports over 400 organizations through events and conferences, professional and student education initiatives, specialized economic development projects, technology job resources and growth projects and other community resources. Membership is open to technology companies, technology employers, service providers, educational institutions, and non-profit companies interested in supporting the growth of technology businesses in Middle Tennessee. For more information, visit www.technologycouncil.com

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