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Frey Launches *Tech for Tomorrow*, Minneapolis' Inaugural Tech Month

Minneapolis will recognize April as “tech month” with a series of events aimed at strengthening partnerships between employers, training outfits, and public partners and emphasize inclusion in hiring practices and business ownership

Frey underscored his commitment to equity and inclusion and the importance of supporting Minneapolis' booming tech sector

MINNEAPOLIS – Today, Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey joined local small business owners, educators, and tech professionals at the Coven to kick off *Tech for Tomorrow*. Minneapolis will officially recognize April as its inaugural “tech month” with a [series of events](#) aimed at strengthening partnerships between employers, training outfits, and public partners and making opportunities in the tech sector accessible to all residents. At Friday’s event, Frey highlighted his commitment to equity and inclusion in hiring practices and business ownership and the importance of supporting high-tech, high-wage jobs in Minneapolis.

“The tech sector has the potential to change lives, create new opportunities for Minneapolis families, and simply reshape our city for the better,” said Frey. **“But realizing those goals will require a strong commitment to inclusion and equity. By officially recognizing April as Tech Month throughout our city, we are committing to partnering with professionals of colors and employers to advance inclusive training, hiring, and promoting practices in Minneapolis.”**

Minnesota is the fastest growing state for tech employment opportunities in the country. The City of Minneapolis has invested more than \$2 million to train people in Information Technology careers. Over 1,300 graduates of the Minneapolis Tech training work have been placed at 500 different employers, and Twin Cities tech startups have generated more than \$7 billion in the last 10 years.

Other *Tech for Tomorrow* partners include Atomic Data, Summit OIC, Prime Digital, Amazon, Best Buy, and U.S. Bank.

More information on Tech For Tomorrow and related events can be found [here](#).

PHOTO CAPTION: Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey recognizes April 2019 as Tech Month in Minneapolis during the kick-off event at the Coven.

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