



Friends of the Corridor

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NEWS & NOTES

Guess it's true what they say about time flying when you are having fun. [The Talent Portal](#) is filling up with career seekers from Charleston and across the country, recently relocated professionals are using the "[Touchdown Space](#)," the "[Corridor Fund](#)" is being gradually capitalized and Kimberly and I, along with some energetic civic-minded entrepreneurs, are busy working on new and exciting initiatives for Charleston's growing knowledge-based community. We draw our strength from the constructive feedback and support from Charleston's growing knowledge-based community and for this we are very grateful.

TALENT PORTAL

The Charleston Digital Corridor [Talent Portal](#) is fully operational. This online job listing and skills bank repository supports Charleston's rapidly-growing, knowledge-based work sector. This tool, developed with Digital Corridor web partner, [Sans Locus](#), is designed for member companies searching for talent (actively and passively), individuals desiring tech-related work opportunities in the Charleston region and connecting to the emerging talent pool through internship opportunities at South Carolina Universities.

Post your profile/resume at www.charlestondigitalcorridor.com/portal/overview. Employers may post job opportunities by contacting [Kimberly Demetriades](#) or call 843.579.7659.

If you are interested in utilizing the Talent Portal to connect talent with job opportunities in your community/organization or to evaluate your talent landscape, please contact our web partner, [Sans Locus](#) for details.

"Fridays @ the Corridor"

Held between 9 - 10am on the third Friday of every month, "Friday's @ the Corridor" events seek to engage individuals and organizations that are playing an important role in shaping Charleston's growing knowledge-based economy. The attendee list changes monthly depending on the topic.

Please contact [Kimberly Demetriades](#) or call 843.579.7659 with your suggestions for future "Friday's @ the Corridor" events.

CORRIDOR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

[The Charleston Digital Corridor](#) is celebrating the addition of six Digital Corridor companies - BridgeSpan Technologies, Knowledge Continuity Center, NIIT Technologies, Inc., PTG Technology Systems, Slant Media and WideSpread Access. These companies represent start-ups, relocating companies, new divisions of existing companies and the expansion of an International company that is serving Charleston's existing knowledge-based industry.

[BridgeSpan Technologies](#) is a provider of communication systems that include Cisco voice, data networking and carrier services. Their customer focus includes Professional Services, Financial, Healthcare, and Light Manufacturing. Launched in 2004, BridgeSpan Technologies is a subsidiary of a well-established, successful company with extraordinary business communications experience and offers a complete range of technologies, including IP voice communications, security, wireless and core data networking.

Having recently relocated from Seattle, WA, the [Knowledge Continuity Center](#) is a nationally recognized consulting firm focused on helping organizations retain, expand and leverage their institutional knowledge. Founded in 2000, KCC is one of the first to identify and research knowledge continuity as a function required to successfully manage companies in the "new economy."

[NIIT Technologies, Inc](#) is a global IT and Business Process Management Services provider, with a footprint that spans 14 countries across the world. It has been working with global corporations in the USA, Europe, Japan, Asia Pacific and India since 1981. NIIT Technologies focuses on well-defined industry verticals of Finance, Transport, Retail and Manufacturing for its IT Solutions business.

Offering affordable and reliable Information Technology (IT) support for both individuals and small to mid-sized businesses, [PTG Technology Systems](#) assists clients who do not require a full-time IT staff and rely on external resources for their IT needs. Since 2002, meeting their clients' daily needs is the driving force behind PTG Technology Systems.

[Slant Media](#) is a national award winning digital media design house established in 2004. Slant's mission is to help all entities, both personal and professional, to create an impressive and successful image in almost any form including, high impact multi media presentations, website design and development and nearly any print collateral imaginable.

Started in 2004, [WideSpread Access](#) provides 100% wireless networks, no longer requiring you to stay tethered to your home or office to be connected. With Hi-speed, always-on Internet service, WideSpread offers the fastest, most secure mobile network available.

We are also pleased to introduce you to six companies operating in the Charleston Region that are Auxiliary Members of the Charleston Digital Corridor:

- [DD Labs](#), an International IT development firm, provides expertise in all areas of software development, maintenance and consulting.
- [eGroup](#) architects high performance networking and computing platforms, and delivers industry-proven systems engineering and application development expertise.
- [iPartners](#) helps the Property & Casualty Industry effectively organize the information needed to improve bottom-line results and drive organizational effectiveness.
- [KPS Government Contracting](#), a division of Charles Foster Company, has responded to the evolving professional service requirements of companies throughout the nation by providing clients with specialized managers who have solid commercial and government industry backgrounds.
- [Multiverse Media Duplication](#) is a start-up company, offering

- professional CD & DVD duplication to the Charleston area.
- [OpenVision](#), an interactive technology and marketing firm, focuses on Search Engine Optimization, Website Design, Business Branding, Custom Programming, Interactive Marketing, Video Production, Hosting, and Consultation.

PARTNERS

Recognizing the power of convening and engaging relevant organizations and the highly motivated individuals within them, the Digital Corridor is pleased to partner with two organizations that are driving Charleston's innovation economy - The Association of Technology Professionals (AITP) and The Charleston Defense Contractors Association (CDCA).

[The Association of Information Technology Professionals \(AITP\)](#) offers opportunities for Information Technology leadership and education through partnerships with industry, government and academia. AITP provides quality IT related education, information on relevant IT issues and forums for networking with experienced peers and other IT professionals for nearly 9,000 members. This past November, the Charleston Digital Corridor and AITP collaborated to host the First Annual Networking Bash. Held at the Charleston Maritime Center, this event drew over 150 Entrepreneurs, IT professionals, and other professionals interested in engaging with Charleston's growing knowledge-based landscape.

[The Charleston Defense Contractors Association \(CDCA\)](#) consists of approximately 50 regional, national and international organizations whose mission is to advocate, preserve and protect the real, capital and economic interests of the companies and clients of the defense industry in the Charleston metropolitan area and surrounding regions. As a sponsor of the Corridor's Talent Portal, the CDCA understands and supports the Digital Corridor's effort to accelerate the development of qualified human capital and connect it with Charleston's growing high-wage professional and technical opportunities in Charleston.

INTERNSHIPS

With an eye towards developing "up and coming" talent for their industry, the [Charleston Defense Contractors Association](#) has created a summer internship program to place talented students with premier defense related companies in the Charleston area that service the federal government. If you are interested or know of talented students who could benefit from this valuable experience, please visit the internship opportunities posted in the Digital Corridor's [Talent Portal](#) or contact [Michael Resler](#).

[The School of Business and Economics at the College of Charleston](#) has established an internship program to enhance the academic component by providing professional work experiences for students. Areas of concentration include Accounting, Finance, Global Logistics and Transportation, International Business, Management, and Marketing. If you are interested in hosting an intern in your company, please contact the College's Career Services Coordinator, [Leah Hughes](#).

Regional Events

InnoVenture's 2005 Conference - April 6, 2005
Palmetto Expo Center, Greenville, SC

[InnoVenture's](#) 2005 Conference will be held April 6th, 2005 at the Palmetto Expo Center in Greenville, SC. This annual venture capital

conference provides a forum for entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, and industry experts to support the growth of high-impact companies in the Southeastern Innovation Corridor. This year's focus is on the following industries:

- Automotive and Transportation
- Fuel Cells and Next Energy
- Advanced Materials and Nanotechnologies
- Information and Communications Technologies

Thinktec 2005 Annual Innovation Summit - April 28 & 29, 2005
Charleston Area Convention Center, Charleston, SC

[Thinktec](#) will host business leaders, technology experts, entrepreneurs, researchers, economic developers and venture capitalists during this two-day summit. Along with hands-on product displays, networking events and targeted breakout sessions, this summit will include information on, but not limited to, exciting new technologies, nanotechnology, venture capital criteria and future technology trends.

Palmetto Biotechnology Alliance - The Right Conference - April 17 & 18, 2005
The Westin Resort, Hilton Head, SC

[The Palmetto Biotechnology Alliance Conference](#) brings together organizations and individuals that have a desire to grow the life-sciences industry in South Carolina. Opportunities for growth include bringing new companies into the state, promoting the companies that are currently developing and marketing life-science technology, increasing business relationships for service providers, and escalating research and development - the foundation for future business.

THANK YOU

Finally, thank you for your continued support of the Charleston Digital Corridor. All of our success is possible because of the terrific civic engagement and collaboration the Charleston Digital Corridor has received from you. Continued success to all of you!

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