NPower + Tata Present the New Face of Tech: Engaging Underserved Students

New York (June 9, 2015) – Despite the ongoing Digital Revolution, the Computer Science (CS) field struggles to attract both interested students and skilled workers. Currently, less than 2.4% of U.S. college students graduate with a CS degree. Only 12% of these degrees are awarded to women, while a mere 8% are awarded to students of color 1. As a result, the U.S. is facing a huge shortage in the CS workforce, with two jobs available for every CS graduate between 2013 and 2023 (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics).

In response, NPower and Tata Consultancy Services are proud to announce today a new Clinton Global Initiative America (CGI America) Commitment to Action. The Community Corps, NPower’s skilled volunteer program with national reach, heads up a three-year commitment that aims to engage approximately 3,000 volunteers to support 19,000 students and 750 teachers across 275 schools. The new initiative focuses on serving schools where 50% or more of students qualify for free or reduced lunch in states including Florida, New York, North Carolina and Texas.

This new innovative CS education program will be implemented via The Community Corps under the following directives:

(1) Inspire Students: Focus on placing corporate volunteers in schools around the U.S. in the interest of inspiring middle and high-school students to seek Computer Science (CS) related studies and careers.
(2) Teach Code: Designed to help provide students with groundbreaking Computer Science and coding curriculum that they would usually not receive in schools.
(3) Prepare CS Educators: Will aid middle and high school teachers in receiving technology orientation and certifications.

“This is another step towards achieving our goal of ensuring that every underserved youth has an equal chance at succeeding in the technology field,” said Stephanie Cuskley, CEO of NPower. “Collaborating

1 U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation
with tech leaders like Tata will help ensure that the support we are providing is best-in-class and will ultimately improve the lives of these young people.”

“We are proud to expand our long-standing partnership with NPower to help drive these programs. Programs like this have proven effective at engaging female students and students of color in deeper CS education, because they can learn about the field in a supportive atmosphere and understood how a CS education translates into rewarding job opportunities,” remarked Balaji Ganapathy, Chairman, Head of Workforce Effectiveness, North America, Tata Consultancy Services. “In the long term, these programs can help ensure that the U.S. maintains a diverse, skilled and competitive technology workforce.

Since launching in 2011, The Community Corps has registered over 6,000 volunteers and 88 schools in its network, and implemented CS education programs in partnership with industry leaders such as Tata Consultancy Services and members of The Community Corps Advisory Council. Learn more about how The Community Corps matches corporate technology professionals with schools and students who can benefit from their expertise at thecommunitycorps.org.

About NPower
NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. We pursue this mission via our two signature programs:

The Community Corps is a skills-based volunteering program connecting technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and schools via our online platform. Our tech volunteers work hand-in-hand with schools and nonprofits to help them use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals.

Technology Service Corps builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training. The program includes technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, internships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 80% of our alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation.

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CGI also convenes CGI America, a meeting focused on collaborative solutions to economic recovery in the United States, and CGI University (CGI U), which brings together undergraduate and graduate students to address pressing challenges in their community or around the world. For more information, visit clintonglobalinitiative.org and follow us on Twitter @ClintonGlobal and Facebook at facebook.com/clintonglobalinitiative.

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