Tech Council Innovation Network: Power of comp sci topic of March 8 Tech Council luncheon

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WAUWATOSA, Wis. – The work of the UW-Madison Department of Computer Sciences and how computer science is driving the Wisconsin economy will be explored at the Thursday, March 8 meeting of the Tech Council Innovation Network in Wauwatosa.

Guri Sohi, professor and chairman of the UW-Madison Department of Computer Sciences, will be joined by Jignesh Patel, a professor in the UW-Madison Department of Computer Sciences, in talking about how the department can help industry in Wisconsin and beyond.

The event will take place at UW-Milwaukee's Innovation Accelerator, 1225 Discovery Parkway. Registration, networking and hors d'oeuvres start at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $10 for students and returning veterans, $25 for individual members, $35 for non-members and included for Tech Council corporate members. Click here to register.

Sohi is internationally known for his work with high-performance computing systems, and has advised most leading microprocessor manufacturers over time. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Patel is known around the world for his work with databases, or "big data," He has advised major technology companies and been a part of successful startups, including one that sold to Twitter.

As Sohi and Patel discussed during a Dec. 5 Tech Council Innovation Network meeting at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wisconsin's economic vitality depends on making greater use of its public and private resources in computational science.

"Computer science is changing every business sector. We're fortunate to have two speakers from one of the nation's leading research programs to talk about what industry should know about the future of comp sci," said Tom Still, president of the Wisconsin Technology Council.

The meeting is sponsored by UW-Milwaukee and UWM Research Foundation.

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