Corporate Citizenship in Florida

Transforming business, technology and society

IBM's longstanding, global commitment to corporate responsibility is a demonstration of our values and the priorities that guide them. By integrating corporate responsibility with business strategy, we contribute to the communities in which we do business while engaging our clients, partners and employees. IBM's technology and talent have the power to help transform governments, institutions, communities and the quality of life for people around the world. Whether it's improving education, revitalizing cities, protecting the environment or driving economic growth, IBM and IBMers contribute innovative solutions to the world's toughest societal challenges.

“To build a smarter planet — and to run a smarter enterprise — your business and citizenship strategies must be more than aligned. They must become one. This is very different from traditional notions of ‘giving back’ or CSR. Speaking as an IBMer, I believe this comes from the core of our culture, values and purpose as an enterprise — to be essential to our clients and to the world,” says IBM Chairman, President and CEO Ginni Rometty.

Education

IBM's innovative P-TECH grades 9 to 14 model connects education to jobs. In the 2014-15 school year, P-TECH’s first six graduates finished high school and college in just four years, as the P-TECH network expanded to 27 schools across three states. IBM also unveiled Code-name: Watson Teacher Advisor, an advanced cognitive computing system that will provide qualified lesson plans and mentoring to teachers via mobile devices — all free of charge. In Florida, IBM’s university programs made donations worth $43,000 to a range of institutions and programs around the state.

Highlights

- IBM was established in Florida in 1919.
- In 2014, IBM’s various charitable giving programs donated more than $2.9 million to Florida organizations.
- Florida IBMers received 160 patents in 2014.
Problem solving
In 2014, 100 Corporate Service Corps teams worked on pro bono consulting projects to improve women's health, preserve the environment, and more. Sixteen cities benefited from Smarter Cities Challenge® engagements. More than 500 IBM Impact Grants brought sophisticated capabilities to nonprofit organizations to help them serve their constituencies more effectively. World Community Grid® helped strengthen the fights against cancer and Ebola by providing free “virtual supercomputing” power to humanitarian researchers.

Employee engagement
Nearly 270,000 active and retired IBMers have donated nearly 18 million hours of volunteer service through IBM's On Demand Community.® In Florida, IBMers have volunteered more than 279,500 hours since the program's inception, and IBM awarded 72 Community Grants worth $123,000 in 2014 to organizations where IBMers volunteer. Also in 2014, 20 Florida IBMers received the President's Volunteer Service award, in recognition of their sustained efforts.

Through our annual Employees Charitable Contribution Campaign, Florida employees pledged $956,000 to non-profit agencies in their communities. Also, IBM's Matching Grants program awarded $192,600 to a range of non-profit, educational and healthcare organizations in the state, matching IBMers' own contributions.

Disaster relief
Integrating advanced technologies with the expertise of IBMers, IBM delivers essential components of what it takes for affected areas and individuals to regroup, rebuild and recover. Joining the global fight against Ebola and responding to the devastation of Hurricane Haiyan in the Philippines, with both immediate and long-term solutions, were just two examples of IBM's agile and sustained 2014 disaster relief efforts.

Awards & recognition
- Fortune — Most Admired Companies
- Corporate Responsibility Magazine 100 Best Corporate Citizens
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Leadership Award (2012-14)
- European Diversity Awards — Supplier Diversity Programme of the Year

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