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.
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 benefitted 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,® and IBM's Volunteer Excellence awards bestow CEO-level recognition on those employees who, through their actions, best personify IBM's culture of service. Since the program's inception, current and retired employees in Nebraska have volunteered nearly 30,000 hours of time, and nine received President's Volunteer Service Awards for their work in 2014.

Through our annual Employees Charitable Contribution Campaign, Nebraska employees pledged $67,800 to non-profit agencies in 2014. Also, IBM's Matching Grants program awarded $66,000 to a range organizations in the state, matching IBMers' own contributions. Among these were the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Foundation, Wayne State Foundation, Creighton University, Concordia University and Perkins County Health Services Foundation.

Corporate responsibility
IBM pursues the highest standards of corporate responsibility, from how we support and empower our employees, to how we work with clients and govern the corporation.

- Environment — IBM’s comprehensive programs range from energy and climate protection to pollution prevention, chemical and waste management, resource conservation, and product design for the environment.

- Supply Chain — IBM buys from suppliers from nearly 100 countries and has infused social and environmental responsibility into the fabric of our business relationships.

- Governance — Our corporate culture is firmly based on ethics and integrity, guided by a rigorous system of corporate governance.

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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