Experts will discuss role of computer science in Wisconsin economy at Dec. 5 Tech Council event

APPLETON, 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 **Tuesday, Dec. 5** meeting of the Tech Council Innovation Network in Appleton.

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 northeast Wisconsin and beyond.

This Tech Council Innovation Network luncheon is in partnership with the Forum for Innovation, which will focus on high-growth companies in the region, and NEW North, the regional economic development group. It will be held at the Fox Valley Technical College D.J. Bordini Center, 5 N. Systems Drive, conference center BC112A.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch at noon and the presentation at 12:30 p.m. The cost is $10 for individual members, students and Bunker Labs members, $20 for general admission 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 a successful startup. Both share a strong interest in seeing research transition to products.

"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.

This Tech Council Innovation Network/FINN event is supported by Fox Valley Technical College.

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