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ChartSpan locating headquarters in Greenville County

Iron Yard Digital Healthcare Accelerator company develops innovative way for patients to manage electronic healthcare records; plans to add 11 positions

GREENVILLE, S.C. – **January 16, 2014** – ChartSpan Medical Technologies, LLC, a healthcare data company that has developed the world's first automated tool allowing users to upload, store and manage their electronic healthcare records on a smartphone, tablet or computer, will establish its new headquarters in Greenville County. It plans to add 11 new positions immediately, and as many as 30 high-tech positions over the next 18 to 24 months.

"ChartSpan has developed the world's first consumer technology automating the conversion of paper healthcare records into electronic records, through the most advanced patient-based healthcare record application ever developed," said Jon-Michial Carter, CEO and founder of ChartSpan. "We thank our investors and industry partners for their commitment and confidence, and greatly appreciate the assistance of the Greenville Area Development Corporation, SC BIO, The Iron Yard Accelerator Program, the Department of Commerce, and all partners who collaborated to help make today's announcement a reality."

According to Carter, talented developers and experienced digital marketers will be hired to expand the firm's product offering and launch its consumer technology. ChartSpan will locate its headquarters in the NEXT Innovation Center, located at 411 University Ridge in Greenville. The organization, which was incubated in The Iron Yard's Healthcare Accelerator in Spartanburg, originally intended to return to Carter's roots in Houston, Texas for its business launch before deciding to remain in the Palmetto State.

"We fell in love with the Upstate, and with the dynamic business community of mentors, support organizations and talent located right here in Greenville," Carter added.

"It is a great day in South Carolina as we see new high-tech jobs coming to the Upstate," said Gov. Nikki Haley. "We celebrate ChartSpan as they create 11 new jobs and 30 more as they continue to grow their business in our state."

ChartSpan's permission-based and de-identified data platform is uniquely generated by patients. ChartSpan provides patients, hospitals, insurers, pharmaceutical companies, health agencies and others access to real-time information and meaningful interpretation of healthcare data, removing dependencies on providers and enabling patients to manage their own data. Through innovative and patent-pending data recognition technology, ChartSpan turns paper healthcare records into electronic records, generating structured data and eliminating manual entry of personal records.

"ChartSpan choosing to establish in South Carolina speaks volumes for our state's ability to foster the innovation sector," said Secretary of Commerce Bobby Hitt. "Through the network of incubators and programs like Coursepower, our workforce is ready and able to take on these high-tech jobs and show the world what we can produce."

While Greenville and the Upstate may not be widely known yet as a hotbed for technology or bioscience organizations like ChartSpan, Carter maintains that the same characteristics that appealed to his organization to locate and grow here – quality of life, a pro-business mindset, an emerging high-impact technology ecosystem – will doubtless appeal to other organizations to consider this area.

"As we continue to grow successful businesses in the technology space, we'll draw more and more talent here. We're excited about hiring the best talent we can find locally for our team, and also reaching out across the country to find top talent that wants to do great work and have a great quality of life right here in Greenville," Carter said.

"ChartSpan is a great example of a company combining highly refined technology with the Upstate's exceptional talent base to launch and grow their business," said Dr. Bob Taylor, a Director of the Greenville Area Development Corporation and Chairman of Greenville County Council. "The company has found a formula for success keyed on research and innovation. This is a case study of our region's collaborative approach to expanding its knowledge economy, and a great example of the opportunities to be found in Greenville County and South Carolina."

"ChartSpan's new headquarters announcement demonstrates that great things happen when SCBIO and the state's economic development groups work together, " said Wayne Roper, President of SCBIO, a statewide group representing South Carolina's life science industry. "South Carolina is fast becoming the new hot spot for innovative life science companies to find great discovery resources and startup support."

ChartSpan will publicly release its consumer product in February, and the app will be available through the iTunes and Google Play app store. The company intends to begin hiring immediately, Carter said. Positions to be filled include software developers, software engineers and sales and marketing staff. For more information, or to apply, visit them online at www.chartspan.com.

"This is a tremendous day for Greenville. ChartSpan will be a valued member of NEXT's growing community of knowledge-based companies, and we look forward to supporting their continued growth and success here for many years to come," said John Moore, Executive Vice President at the Greenville Chamber and co-founder of NEXT.

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The Greenville Area Development Corporation is a non-profit organization established by Greenville County Council to promote and enhance the economic growth and development of Greenville County. Since its founding in 2001, GADC efforts have resulted in the creation of more than 16,500 new jobs and more than $2.8 billion in capital investment in Greenville County, SC. To learn more, visit www.goGADC.com or call (864) 235-2008.