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## NextGen Information Services, Inc Becomes the Fourth Mosaic Ambassador Company

On the heels of global entrepreneurship week, which is the world's largest celebration of the innovators and job creators who launch startups that bring ideas to life, drive economic growth. The St. Louis Mosaic Project is excited to announce NextGen Information Services, Inc. as the fourth Mosaic Ambassador Company in a joint effort to foster a welcoming environment for international individuals new to the St. Louis region. NextGen has a vast history of operations that include offering customized workforce solutions specializing in IT and Professional Services. Furthermore, NextGen places top level IT candidates with Fortune 500 companies, small businesses, and emerging high tech-organizations throughout the country. NextGen has its corporate headquarters in St. Louis and satellite offices across the US. The St. Louis Mosaic Project, whose primary objective is to make St. Louis the fastest growing region for immigration, recognizes the potential of NextGen to bolster the multicultural nature of St. Louis.

NextGen Information Services, Inc has already initiated several actions for the international community in St. Louis, which is evident due to their dedication to diversity and discovery in the evolving world of technology. Four of their current office employees are bilingual to help their Spanish-speaking employees and twenty percent of the employees that NextGen places in companies throughout the St. Louis region are foreign born.

NextGen is a certified Minority and Woman Owned Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) by the state of Missouri and the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). Governor Nixon also named NextGen as the 2014 Minority Business of the Year. Additionally, in 2014 the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis named NextGen as the Hispanic Company of the year.

As a Mosaic Ambassador Company, NextGen Information Services, Inc will share distribution of Mosaic informational materials. Two of its leaders, Lori Eaton and Carmen Jacob, are Mosaic Ambassadors. Furthermore, Carmen Jacob, founder of NextGen, is an immigrant entrepreneur from Guatemala who came to the United States in 1972 and has won numerous business awards. Both women are already very involved with the Mosaic Project. In addition, Lori Eaton is a connector in the Mosaic's Professional Connector Program. NextGen also plans to continue to participate in various diversity related job fairs and events affiliated with organizations like the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Both organizations look forward to collaboratively furthering career opportunities for foreign born and promoting St. Louis as a destination for top talent around the globe.

## **About the St. Louis Mosaic Project**

The St. Louis Mosaic Project was launched in 2012 in response to an economic impact report, outlining St. Louis to be lagging in immigrant growth as well as highlighting the economic benefits of increasing its foreign-born population. The Mosaic Project is a regional initiative that is professionally managed by St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, World Trade Center St. Louis and a 22-member committee. Its goal is to transform St. Louis into the fastest growing major metropolitan area for immigration by 2020 and promote regional prosperity through immigration and innovation. Learn more at www.stlmosaicproject.org.