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December 4th, 2017

**“Blacksburg Blockchain Symposiusm”**

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We are writing on behalf of the Virginia Tech Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience to invite you to participate in our first “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” involving local Blacksburg blockchain entrepreneurs, policy makers, and academics on financial innovation and regulation of the blockchain technology.

With the blockchain in headlines every day across the globe, there is an increasing need for scholars to formally address the applications and implications of this technology. For this inaugural event, we will focus on creating a space for dialogue and debate among entrepreneurs, policymakers and academics. Your activities indicates that you have both an interest in, and excellent insights into, this topic. It would be a great honor to have you participate at the conference and we would like to further discuss with you the particulars of your involvement.

The meeting will be at the Virginia Tech main campus in Blacksburg, Virginia on Friday, March 30th, 2017 and will bring together local entrepreneurs, academic experts and policy-makers in a half-day conference setting, with two keynote speeches and two fireside chats between entrepreneurs and scholars.

For your information we have included a supplemental document that can help you better understand the event and our overall mission. In addition to identifying key perspectives on the possible implications of the blockchain technology, our goal for the initial “Blacksburg Blockchain Symposium” is to help provide key inputs from different perspectives that inform entrepreneurs and scholars on the current debates about innovation and regulatory challenges. Please note that the agenda for the symposium is tentative at this stage and might evolve in line with the attendance confirmations of our participants.

We look forward to hearing from you and welcome any questions that you may have about the symposium or the Global Forum.

Sincerely,

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