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***Massachusetts High Technology Council Names Gallagher Executive Vice President
Fidelity executive will oversee Council's public policy and communication agenda***

Waltham, Mass. – The Massachusetts High Technology Council today announced the hiring of veteran public affairs executive Mark Gallagher as its new executive vice president. Gallagher will manage the Council's public policy agenda, which is established by its CEO members to create a more competitive climate in Massachusetts for creating and sustaining job creation throughout the state's diverse technology economy.

"Mark has a rich government relations track record in Massachusetts," said Council President Christopher R. Anderson. "He is very well regarded in policy and political circles and has experience representing the interests of employers as an effective advocate at the State House. We are very pleased to welcome Mark to the Council's team."

A longtime State House presence, Gallagher comes to the High Tech Council after nearly a decade at Fidelity Investments where he led the financial services firm's public affairs work in Massachusetts and helped manage state government relations activities across the country. From 1998 to 2005, Gallagher served as an attorney and government relations professional at Mintz Levin and ML Strategies.

Anderson noted that Gallagher would help lead a new Council initiative to measure and evaluate Massachusetts' competitive position among leading technology states while providing policy makers with information critical to developing job-creating public policies. Armed with this data, business, education and public-policy leaders will collaboratively chart Massachusetts' future by aligning what needs to be improved or protected in order to create a prosperous, competitive business environment fundamental to building long-term economic stability and job growth within the state.

Gallagher will also help oversee important initiatives such as New England Tech Vets, designed to connect Post 9/11 Veterans with employers and jobs throughout New England and support efforts to heal the "invisible wounds" of war as veterans re-enter the civilian workforce.

“I am thrilled to be joining the Council, which at this critical time, is uniquely positioned and equipped to promote the continued health of the Commonwealth’s innovation economy,” said Gallagher. “I look forward to working with Council members and Chris to build on the Council’s long history of effective advocacy on behalf of the Massachusetts technology sector.”

Gallagher is a graduate of Boston College and earned his law degree from Suffolk University School of Law.

About the Massachusetts High Technology Council – www.mhtc.org

The Massachusetts High Technology Council is the oldest and only cross-sector association of technology, professional services, and higher education CEOs and senior executives in Massachusetts. As advocates for public policies and programs that create and maintain a healthy and competitive business climate, the Council has lead winning strategies for 37 years. In addition to its mission focus on cost competitiveness and talent development, the Council also works to preserve and strengthen federal defense assets in Massachusetts and support a robust and productive interaction among those assets and the public and private technology sectors across New England.

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