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### FIRST U.S. CHIEF DATA SCIENTIST TO VISIT SOUTH BEND SATURDAY

Dr. DJ Patil, Chief Data Scientist at the White House in the Office of Science and Technology, will join Hack Michiana, a local tech-minded group, from 10 to 11am Saturday, June 6, for a public workshop at Wiekamp Hall, Indiana University South Bend to mark the National Day of Civic Hacking.

Prior to joining the White House, Patil served as the Vice President of Product at RelateIQ. He previously held positions at LinkedIn, Greylock Partners, Skype, PayPal, and eBay. Patil also worked at the Department of Defense, where he directed new efforts to bridge computational and social sciences in fields such as social network analysis to help anticipate emerging threats to the United States.

"We're delighted that DJ has chosen to visit South Bend," says Santi Garces, head of South Bend's Office of Innovation. "As an advocate for open-data policies, DJ has done much to drive the concept forward by encouraging residents to solve problems using technology."

Workshop participants, also partnering with South Bend's Office of Innovation, will work from 9am to 9pm Saturday to address community issues with applications and software systems.

Hack Michiana will review South Bend's open data portal (data.southbendin.gov) and brainstorm ideas to maximize the usefulness of the information for citizens. Residents of all technical skill levels are invited to participate. The cost is $15 for snacks and lunch.

In 2013, while working with the City of South Bend, Code for America fellows partnered with residents and techies to form Hack Michiana with the mission use technology to address local issues and improve government efficiency and transparency. Code for America, known as the technology world's version of the Peace Corps, connects web-industry professionals with municipal governments to promote openness and efficiency.

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