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**MAYOR EMANUEL CONGRATULATES 1871 FOR BEING NAMED TOP UNIVERSITY-
AFFILIATED BUSINESS INCUBATOR IN THE U.S.**

"I want to congratulate 1871 on being named the number one university-affiliated business incubator in the United States and the second best in North America. Today more than ever before, the City of Chicago is becoming synonymous with talent, technology, innovation and entrepreneurship. Thanks to incubators like 1871, Chicago's tech sector is growing, creating new jobs and making our city a top destination for entrepreneurs looking to turn their ideas into successful technology businesses. I want to congratulate the great team at 1871, led by CEO Howard Tullman, all of their university partners, and especially the entrepreneurs who are using the resources from 1871 to build exciting technology companies. By continuing to invest in education and foster innovation, we will keep building a growing 21st century economy in the City of Chicago that extends opportunities to residents in every part of our city."