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## **TechServe Alliance Lauds Introduction of Senate Bill to Update the Computer Professional Exemption**

Alexandria, VA, October 31, 2011 - On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Senator Kay Hagan (D-NC), with Senators Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) introduced the Computer Professional Update ("CPU") Act (S. 1747), a bill that would update and modernize the Computer Professional Exemption under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

"We are very grateful to the Senators for their support for this targeted and necessary update to the Fair Labor Standards Act. It is important to keep our laws relevant to a modern workforce, and we praise this bipartisan effort to move legislation forward," stated Mark Roberts, CEO TechServe Alliance.

The Computer Professional Exemption is an important provision for the IT Services industry allowing consultants to be paid on an hourly basis and work variable hours without triggering premium overtime obligations. TechServe was the driving force behind enactment of the original CPE in the 1990s. Given the tremendous changes in IT over the last 20 years, we have long supported the modernization and clarification of this outdated exemption.

As announced in previous releases, TechServe Alliance is working closely with a coalition of companies led by IBM on this current effort. We plan to continue in these efforts as we look to gather further support on both sides of the aisle.

For further information on S. 1747 or our lobbying efforts, please contact us at [gov@techservealliance.org](mailto:gov@techservealliance.org).

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*Alliance supports its members in the efficient delivery of best-in-class IT services for clients and exceptional professional opportunities for every IT consultant.*