ENGINEERING EMPLOYMENT TURNS DOWN IN OCTOBER

Alexandria, VA, November 15, 2019 – In October, engineering employment ticked down 0.18% sequentially to 2,663,600, according to TechServe Alliance, the national trade association of the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions industry. On a year-over-year basis, engineering employment increased by 1.52% since October 2018 or 39,900 engineering workers.

IT employment ticked down .03% to 5,351,900 jobs last month. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment grew by only 0.09% since October 2018 adding a mere 4,800 IT workers on a net basis.

“After over a year of respectable growth, engineering employment turned down in October,” observed Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “While IT employment has been anemic for some time, engineering employment showed its first sign of weakness last
month. While one month does not necessarily reflect a trend, future employment data may reveal whether the talent shortage and restrictive immigration policies are having an impact on engineering job growth as well,” added Roberts.

The following table presents information about the total number of jobs in certain sectors that provide a significant amount of employment for IT and engineering professionals.

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<th>October 2019</th>
<th>TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index</th>
<th>Computer systems and design services</th>
<th>Management and technical consulting services</th>
<th>Data processing, hosting and related services</th>
<th>TechServe Alliance Engineering Employment Index</th>
<th>Computer and electronic product manufacturing</th>
<th>Professional and technical services</th>
<th>Federal, State, and Local Government (excluding state and local schools and hospitals)</th>
<th>Total non-farm jobs</th>
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<td>number of jobs</td>
<td>5,351,900</td>
<td>2,233,400</td>
<td>1,554,500</td>
<td>338,200</td>
<td>2,663,600</td>
<td>1,092,700</td>
<td>9,659,400</td>
<td>11,033,000</td>
<td>151,945,000</td>
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<td>change from previous month</td>
<td>- 0.03%</td>
<td>+ 0.2%</td>
<td>+ 0.5%</td>
<td>+ 0.2%</td>
<td>- 0.18%</td>
<td>+ 0.04%</td>
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<td>change from same month, one year earlier</td>
<td>+ 0.09%</td>
<td>+ 4.0%</td>
<td>+ 3.5%</td>
<td>+ 2.1%</td>
<td>+ 1.52%</td>
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<td>+ 2.9%</td>
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**note:** all figures are subject to revision

**Sources:** Department of Labor/U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and TechServe Alliance

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Technical note: TechServe Alliance’s IT Employment Index and Engineering Employment Index are the first specific measurement of IT and engineering employment. These unique measurements of total IT and engineering employment are created monthly by studying the ongoing staffing patterns of a dozen IT and computer related occupations in 22 industries and industry sectors employing significant numbers of IT workers and nearly two dozen engineering occupations in 30 select industries and industry sectors employing significant numbers of engineering workers. Both the monthly IT Employment and Engineering Employment Indices are based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, which is subject to monthly revisions, and is revised accordingly. Both indices are also subject to periodic revisions and annual re-benchmarking that includes revisions to several years of employment data, which may also incorporate new occupational definitions. Both indices were re-benchmarked going back several years. Minor are made each month for the preceding two months starting with January 2019 data and published in February 2019. In addition, both indices are subject to minor revisions to March and April data. The next major revision will be published in February 2020.

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