US IT JOB GROWTH STUCK IN NEUTRAL

Alexandria, VA, October 19, 2018 – After coming to a full stop in August, IT employment again posted no growth in September, holding at 5,342,700 jobs, according to TechServe Alliance, the national trade association of the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions industry. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment grew by 0.46% since September 2017 adding 24,200 IT workers.

Engineering employment increased by 0.14 percent sequentially to 2,612,100. On a year-over-year basis, growth in engineering employment increased by 2.27% since September 2017 or 58,100 engineering workers.

“While two consecutive months with no growth does not establish a long-term trend, the deceleration in the rate of growth in IT employment for more than a year is reflective of a challenging environment,” stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “With strong demand and a limited talent pool in many IT skill set, this supply side phenomenon is
restricting domestic growth and pushing projects offshore. We strongly urge policymakers to support policies that encourage U.S. citizens and permanent residents to pursue careers in STEM fields along with immigration laws, regulations and an adjudicatory approach that encourages high-skilled immigration,” 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>September 2018</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>5,342,700</td>
<td>2,122,300</td>
<td>1,468,300</td>
<td>327,500</td>
<td>2,612,100</td>
<td>1,070,600</td>
<td>9,297,400</td>
<td>10,885,800</td>
<td>149,500,000</td>
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<td>change from previous month</td>
<td>no change</td>
<td>+ 0.2%</td>
<td>+ 0.4%</td>
<td>+ 0.5%</td>
<td>+ 0.14%</td>
<td>+ 0.2%</td>
<td>+ 0.2%</td>
<td>- 0.05%</td>
<td>+ 0.1%</td>
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<td>change from same month, one year earlier</td>
<td>+ 0.46%</td>
<td>+ 3.4%</td>
<td>+ 4.2%</td>
<td>+ 2.8%</td>
<td>+ 2.27%</td>
<td>+ 2.4%</td>
<td>+ 2.8%</td>
<td>- 0.01%</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 measurements of IT and engineering employment. These 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 Indices are based on U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data, which is subject to monthly revisions, and is revised accordingly. Both indices were rebenchmarked this month with revisions going back several years. The next major revision will be published in February 2018. Additionally, from time-to-time TechServe Alliance reviews and adjusts the algorithm utilized to calculate the indices.

ABOUT TechServe Alliance
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