IT Employment Grows Modestly in April; Engineering Employment Growth Sluggish

Alexandria, VA, May 13, 2015 – The number of IT jobs grew 0.3 percent sequentially last month to 4,913,200, according to TechServe Alliance, the national trade association of the IT & Engineering Staffing and Solutions industry. On a year-over-year basis, IT employment has grown by 5.0% since April 2014 adding 234,900 IT workers.

The rate of engineering job growth was sluggish, up only 0.04 percent sequentially to 2,516,400. On a year-over-year basis, engineering employment has grown by 0.9% since April 2014 adding 22,400 engineering workers.

“While the rate of IT employment grew modestly in April, we saw continuing deceleration in the rate of growth. Engineering employment was even more sluggish, barely posting positive numbers,” stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. “While IT employment
continues to outperform the growth rate of the overall workforce, engineering employment has recently been underperforming the general job market. With that said, it is important to keep the data in perspective -- this is a slowing of the rate of growth -- not a contraction. If the economy continues to strengthen after a sluggish first quarter, I am optimistic that strength will be reflected in improving IT and engineering employment numbers in the coming months,” added Roberts.

IT and engineering jobs are found in virtually every sector and industry in varying degrees. 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>April 2015</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>4,913,200</td>
<td>1,843,300</td>
<td>1,302,2</td>
<td>292,700</td>
<td>2,516,400</td>
<td>1,056,300</td>
<td>8,583,400</td>
<td>10,677,900</td>
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<td>change from previous month</td>
<td>+ 0.27%</td>
<td>+ 0.5%</td>
<td>+ 0.5%</td>
<td>+ 0.03%</td>
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<td>- 0.1%</td>
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<td>change from same month, one year earlier</td>
<td>+ 5.02%</td>
<td>+ 4.4%</td>
<td>+ 6.4%</td>
<td>+ 6.0%</td>
<td>+ 0.90%</td>
<td>+ 0.8%</td>
<td>+ 3.6%</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

Technical note: TechServe Alliance’s IT Employment Index and Engineering Employment Index are the first specific measurements 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 were rebenchmarked in February with revisions going back several years. The next major revision will be published in February 2016. Additionally, from time-to-time TechServe Alliance reviews and adjusts the algorithm utilized to calculate the indices.

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