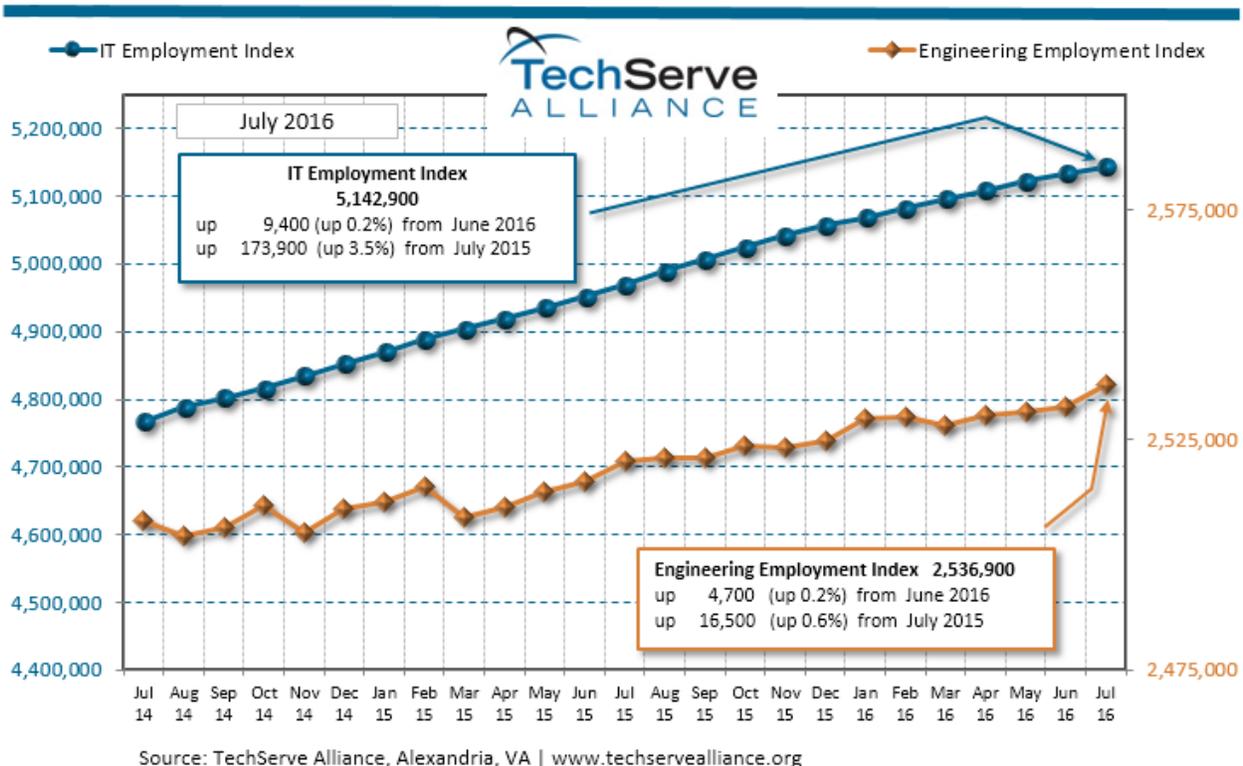**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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IT JOBS GROWTH CONTINUES DECELERATION; ENGINEERING EMPLOYMENT IMPROVES

Alexandria, VA, August 10, 2016 **–** The number of IT jobs grew 0.2percent sequentially last month to 5,142,900, 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 3.5% since July 2015 adding 173,900 IT workers.

After several months of sluggish to no growth, engineering employment posted its best month since January expanding 0.2 percent sequentially to 2,536,900. On a year-over-year basis, growth in engineering employment still remains anemic growing only 0.65% since July 2015 or 16,500 engineering workers.

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"For the first time all year, growth for IT employment fell below 10,000 jobs -- adding only 9,400 jobs during the month of July. On the engineering side, engineering employment improved posting its best month since January," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe

Alliance. "The deceleration in the growth rate of IT employment is attributable to multiple factors, including apprehension over the global macroeconomic environment as well as a chronic shortage in high demand skill sets. As I have noted in the past, the index represents an amalgamation of a wide range of industries and IT skill sets. While demand has waned in some industries, there continues to be strong demand for certain highly sought after IT skill sets in many sectors of the U.S. economy," observed 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.

Comparisons of TechServe Alliance's IT Employment Index to employment in some key sectors with significant numbers of IT jobs as well as to all non-farm jobs								
July 2016	**TechServe Alliance IT Employment Index**	Computer systems and design services	Management and technical consulting services	Data processing, hosting and related services	**TechServe Alliance Engineering Employment Index**	Computer and electronic product manufacturing	Professional and technical services	Federal, State, and Local Government (excluding state and local schools and hospitals)	**Total non-farm jobs**
number of jobs	**5,142,900**	1,999,100	1,341,500	297,400	**2,536,900**	1,036,200	8,935,700	10,814,900	**144,448,000**
change from previous month	**+ 0.18%**	+ 0.4%	+ 0.4%	- 0.8%	**+ 0.19%**	- 0.3%	+ 0.4%	+ 0.1%	**+ 0.2%**
change from same month, one year earlier	**+ 3.50%**	+ 4.1%	+ 5.3%	- 0.1%	**+ 0.65%**	- 1.5%	+ 3.3%	+ 0.9%	**+ 1.7%**

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 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 2017. Additionally, from time-to-time TechServe Alliance reviews and adjusts the algorithm utilized to calculate the indices.

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