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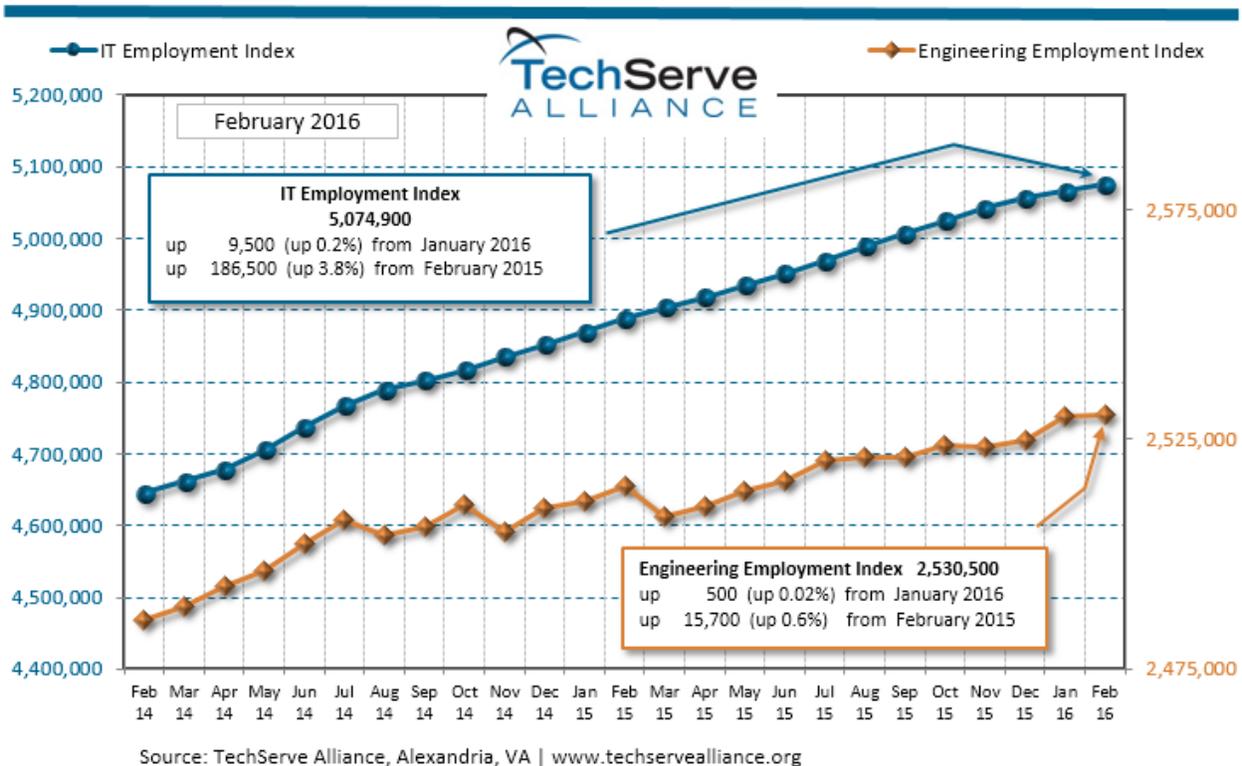1420 King Street; Alexandria, VA 22314
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IT AND ENGINEERING JOB GROWTH CONTINUES TO DECELERATE

Alexandria, VA, March 9, 2016 **–** The number of IT jobs grew 0.2 percent sequentially last month to 5,074,900, 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 3.8% since February 2015 adding 186,500 IT workers.

Engineering employment was essentially flat up only 0.02 percent sequentially to 2,530,500. On a year-over-year basis, engineering employment grew by an anemic 0.6% since February 2015 adding 15,700 engineering workers---continuing to underperform the overall workforce.

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"During the first two months of 2016, IT job growth has trended below the growth rate we saw in 2015. On the engineering side, employment was essentially flat," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "As with all indices that track aggregated employment

data, these numbers mask some of the underlying dynamics of particular industries and skill sets. While some high demand skill sets continue to show considerable strength with an acute shortage of talent, unemployment rates have risen in occupations that serve industries such as energy which remain under pressure," 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.

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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								
February 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	**5,074,900**	1,959,800	1,307,600	299,300	**2,530,500**	1,045,900	8,805,600	10,787,400	**143,560,000**
change from previous month	**+ 0.19%**	+ 0.2%	+ 0.3%	+ 0.3%	**+ 0.02%**	- 0.04%	+ 0.2%	+ 0.1%	**+ 0.2%**
change from same month, one year earlier	**+ 3.82%**	+ 4.9%	+ 4.1%	+ 2.5%	**+ 0.62%**	- 0.05%	+ 3.5%	+ 0.6%	**+ 1.9%**

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

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