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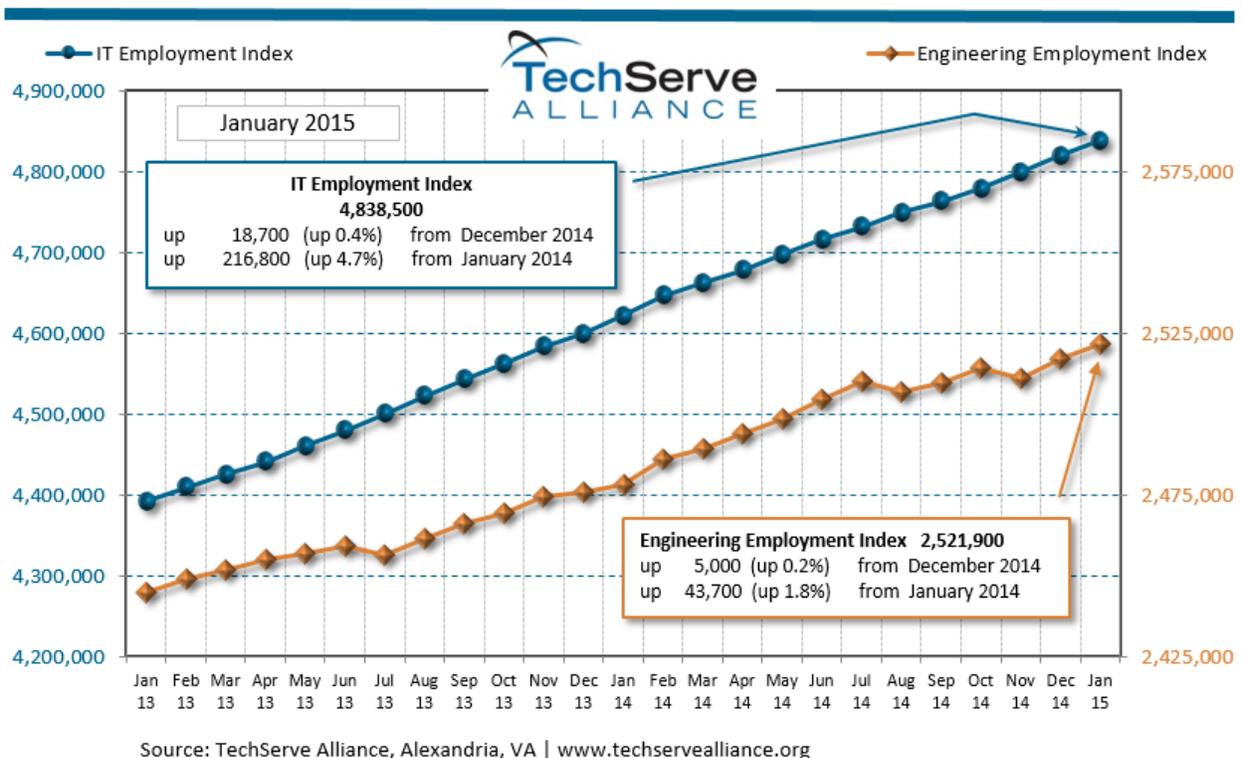1420 King Street; Alexandria, VA 22314
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IT and Engineering Employment Starts 2015 on A Strong Note

Alexandria, VA, February 12, 2015 — The number of IT jobs grew 0.4 percent sequentially last month to 4,838,500, 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 4.7% since January 2014 adding 216,800 IT workers.

Engineering job growth strengthened in January, up 0.2 percent sequentially to 2,521,900. On a year-over-year basis, engineering employment has grown by 1.8% since January 2014 adding 43,700 engineering workers.

Note: This month, both indices reflected the Bureau of Labor Statistics' annual rebenchmarking of employment data as well as adjustments to the algorithm used to calculate the indices. For this reason, caution should be used when comparing this month's data to data contained in prior releases.

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"In January, IT and engineering employment showed strength as we kicked-off 2015. Following robust growth in 2014, all indications are that we will have another strong year for IT and engineering employment in 2015," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe

Alliance. "While I am confident demand will remain strong absent a macro-economic or political shock, an inadequate supply of talent in high demand skill sets will continue to be a challenge. Without a significant increase in the availability of talent by growing the domestic IT and engineering workforce or increasing the availability of high-skilled foreign professionals, all industries dependent on technical talent will continue to be at risk of not having their needs fully met," 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.

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								
January 2015	**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	**4,838,500**	1,822,500	1,285,000	287,600	**2,521,900**	1,057,000	8,525,200	10,688,600	**140,347,000**
change from previous month	**+ 0.39%**	+ 0.4%	+ 0.3%	+ 1.2%	**+ 0.20%**	+ 0.2%	+ 0.4%	- 0.1%	**+ 0.2%**
change from same month, one year earlier	**+ 4.69%**	+ 4.5%	+ 6.4%	+ 4.6%	**+ 1.76%**	+ 0.4%	+ 3.8%	+ 0.1%	**+ 2.3%**

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 this month 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. This month's data also reflect adjustments to the algorithm.

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