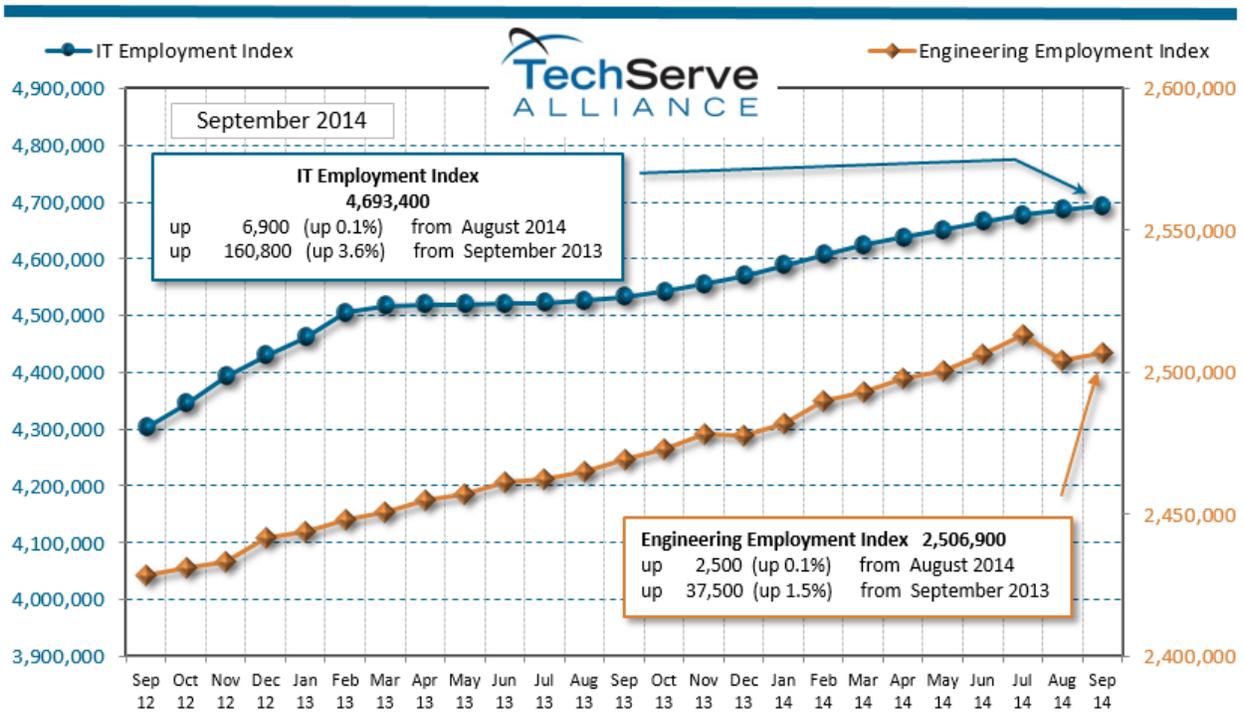**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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IT & Engineering Employment Rate of Growth in September Remains Tepid

Alexandria, VA, October 7, 2014 **–** The number of IT jobs grew 0.1 percent sequentially last month to 4,693,400, 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 3.6% since September 2013 adding 160,800 IT workers.

Engineering jobs also grew modestly in September, up 0.1 percent sequentially to 2,506,900. On a year-over-year basis, engineering employment has grown by 1.5% since September 2013 adding 37,500 engineering workers.

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"While there is still very much a shortage of professionals with high-demand skill sets, the overall growth rate for IT and Engineering jobs remained modest in September. This slower rate of growth was further confirmed by a downward revision in the Engineering Index for August," stated Mark Roberts, CEO of TechServe Alliance. "While we are not on the torrid pace of adding IT and Engineering jobs like earlier in the year, I remain very bullish on the future prospects for strong growth in these two sectors in both the medium-term and long-term," 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								
September 2014	**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	**4,693,400**	1,773,300	1,251,000	275,700	**2,506,900**	1,056,300	8,417,900	10,652,900	**139,118,000**
change from previous month	**+ 0.15%**	+ 0.3%	+ 0.9%	+ 0.6%	**+ 0.10%**	+ 0.04%	+ 0.3%	-0.1%	**+ 0.1%**
change from same month, one year earlier	**+ 3.55%**	+ 4.0%	+ 5.2%	+ 2.3%	**+ 1.52%**	- 1.0%	+ 3.1%	- 0.1%	**+ 1.8%**
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: 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 are also subject to periodic revisions and annual rebenchmarking that includes revisions to several years of employment data, which also may incorporate new occupational definitions. The next major revision will be published in February 2015.

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