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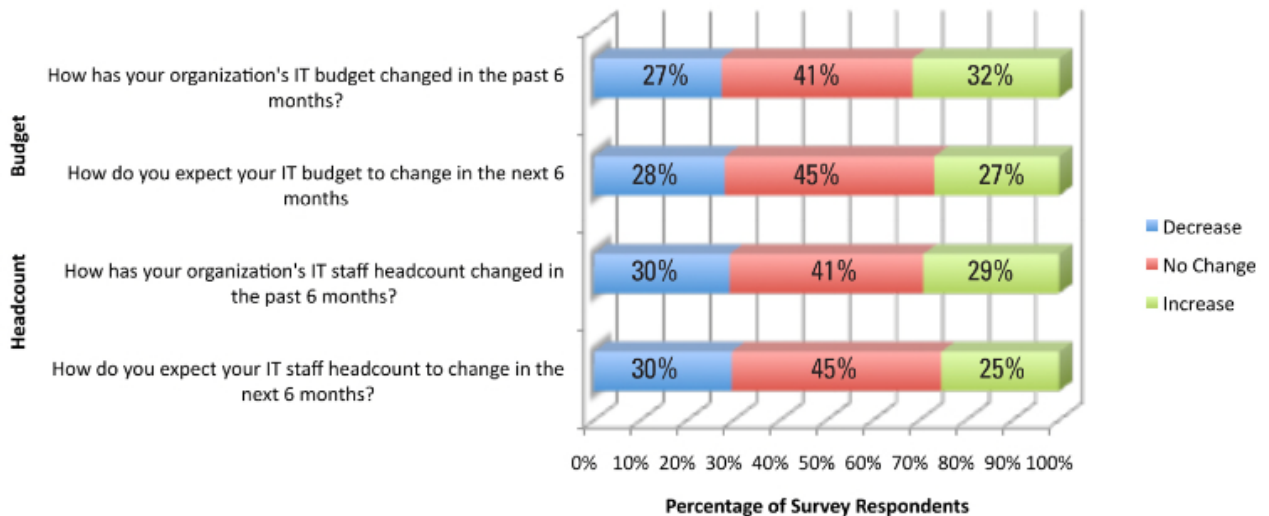
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ConsultNet Study Finds More Than 70 Percent of Dallas-Area Managers Expect Stable or Growing IT/Engineering Budgets and Headcount

ConsultNet Technology Staffing Outlook Survey Finds Stabilization for IT & Engineering Workers in Second Half of Year

DALLAS – July 1, 2009 – [ConsultNet](http://www.consultnet.com), a leading technology and engineering staffing provider, announced today the release of the [2009 Technology Staffing Outlook](#), which includes a survey of Dallas-area Texas hiring managers for IT- and engineering-related workers. The report reveals that despite the economic recession, local companies are expecting more stable and in some instances, growing IT and Engineering department headcounts and budgets in the second half of 2009. The 2009 ConsultNet Technology Staffing Outlook is available for free by visiting www.consultnet.com.

Texas IT & Engineering Industries



Findings from the 2009 Technology Staffing Outlook include:

- A majority of the Dallas-area companies surveyed, 72 percent, expect no change – or increases in their IT budgets in the next 6 months.
- 27 percent of hiring managers expect an increase in their IT budget in the next 6 months, slightly down when compared to the *past* 6 months.
- 45 percent of survey respondents expect their IT and engineering headcount to stay the same over the next six months, compared to 25 percent who expect an increase, and 30 percent who anticipate a decrease in headcount.

“This stabilization is good news for the IT & engineering industries in Texas. ConsultNet is still experiencing a growing number of orders for technology professionals, which shows there is still a strong demand for experienced, talented IT pros,” said [Spencer Shaffer](#), president of ConsultNet. “Hiring managers with increasing or stable budgets will reap many rewards during the next six months because there are more qualified candidates available in Texas, so they can assemble a strategic team to help grow their business.”

In addition to shedding light on the local IT and engineering staffing needs in Texas, the ConsultNet report includes information to help workers align their skills with upcoming IT trends, and explains how a supplemental workforce can help companies keep projects moving during an economic slowdown.

“The image portrayed today is one of extreme economic hardship, but the reality is that many businesses and industries are stabilizing – an increasing number of businesses actually expect some growth,” said Shaffer. “The 2009 ConsultNet Technology Staffing Outlook will help both individuals and Texas businesses understand each others’ needs and requirements for success.”

For more information about ConsultNet and to download the ConsultNet 2009 Technology Staffing Outlook, visit www.consultnet.com.

About ConsultNet

ConsultNet is an information technology and engineering staffing services firm specializing in temporary, contract-to-hire, and direct hire placements. With a core focus on Information Technology, Business Applications, Telecommunications, and Engineering staffing, ConsultNet has become one of the most reputable staffing augmentation providers to Fortune 1000 and mid-sized clients nationwide.

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