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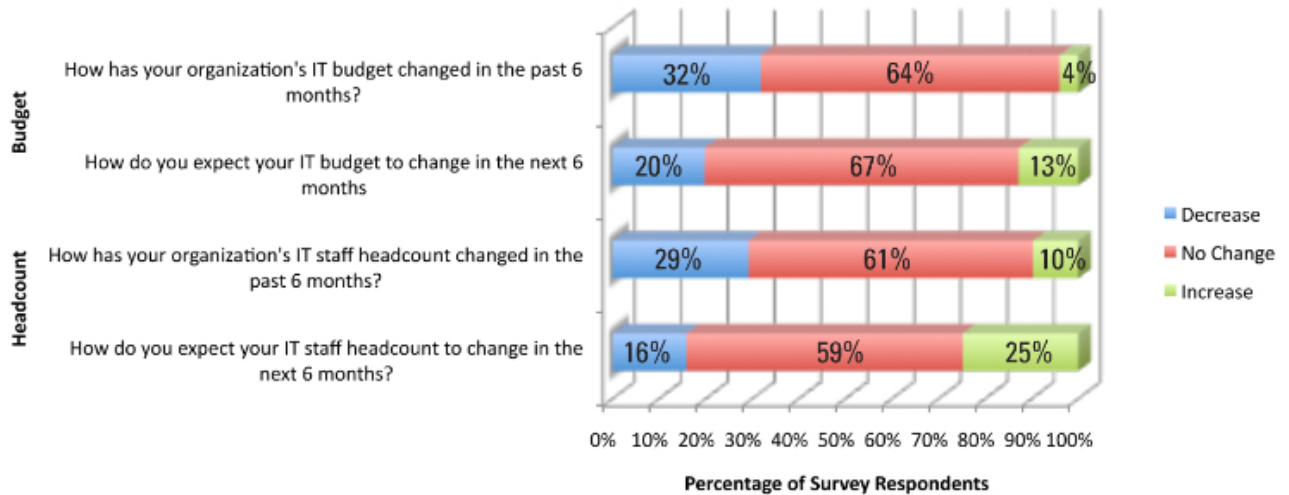
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ConsultNet Study Finds 25 Percent of Denver-Area Managers Expect Increases in IT/Engineering Headcount

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

DENVER – 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 Colorado Hiring Managers for IT- and engineering-related workers. The report reveals that despite the economic recession, local companies are expecting improved 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.

Colorado IT & Engineering Industries



Findings from the 2009 Technology Staffing Outlook include:

- 13 percent of the Colorado companies surveyed expect an increased IT budget in the next 6 months, up from only 4 percent in the past 6 months.

- Only 20 percent of hiring managers expect a decrease in their IT budget in the next 6 months, a significant improvement compared to 32 percent who indicated a decrease in the last 6 months.
- 25 percent of survey respondents expect their IT and Engineering headcount to increase over the next six months, as compared to only 10 percent for the past six months – a difference of 15 percent.
- 29 percent of hiring managers decreased headcount in the past 6 months, but only 16 percent expect a decrease in the next 6 months.

“The is good news for IT & engineering industries in Colorado is that we’re seeing a positive shift of 12-15 percent in budget and headcount outlook as compared to the previous six months. ConsultNet is 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 Colorado, 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 Colorado, 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 Colorado 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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