



Coalition of Service Industries

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**Services Employment Grew By 90,000 Jobs in April,
Despite Weaker Economy**

Washington – US employment data for April released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) today demonstrate that US companies continue to create new, well-paid service jobs, in spite of the economic slowdown and loss of manufacturing jobs.

"The BLS data show that US companies remain very competitive in services and continue generating new, well-paid, high-skill US jobs in such sectors as professional, education and healthcare services," said President of the Coalition of Service Industries (CSI) Robert Vastine.

According to the BLS data, 90,000 new jobs were created in services sectors last month. Professional, technical and business services, a key exporting sector that includes legal, consulting, management, engineering, and other commercial services, added 39,000 new jobs over the month. These data include 10,000 jobs created in computer systems design services and 9,000 new jobs in accounting. Employment in education and healthcare grew the most and reached 52,000 jobs.

US services create additional well-paid jobs in the US. In 2006, compensation in professional and technical services was an average of \$84,015.

US exports of private services were \$455 billion in 2007, which is \$127 billion greater than US services imports. Professional, business and technical services recorded a surplus of \$35 billion last year.

CSI is the leading business organization dedicated to reducing barriers to U.S. services exports and mobilizing support for domestic U.S. policies, including tax policies, which enhance the global competitiveness of its members. CSI was formed in 1982 to ensure that U.S. trade in services would become a central goal of U.S. trade policy and trade negotiations. CSI's knowledge of the process of services trade negotiations, its ties to the WTO and its network of relationships with governments and industry in other countries are unmatched. For a complete list of CSI members, visit our website at www.uscsi.org.

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