

IT hiring on the upswing in Texas

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Executives expect information technology hiring to continue in the first quarter of 2012, according to the latest [Robert Half Technology](#) IT Hiring Index and Skills Report.

In the latest quarterly survey, 20 percent of chief information officers say they plan to expand their IT departments and 10 percent are expecting cutbacks. The balance of the survey respondents expect no change, resulting in a net increase of 10 percent. The survey results are for the West South Central region of the country, which includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The IT Hiring Index and Skills Report is based on telephone interviews with more than 1,400 CIOs from companies across the United States with 100 or more employees. The survey is conducted by an independent research firm and is developed by Robert Half Technology, a professional IT staffing firm.

Some of the other findings of the report include:

- Networking and IT security professionals are in the greatest demand, according to survey respondents.
- Eighty-eight percent of CIOs are confident in their companies' growth prospects in the next three months.
- Seventy-three percent of CIOs say it is challenging to find skilled professionals today.
- Eighty-three percent of technology executives have confidence in their firms' first-



quarter investment in IT projects.

“The employment market for IT professionals has become more active, with many professionals looking for new opportunities,” says [John Reed](#), executive director of Robert Half Technology. “The new year, especially, can be a time of transition as companies staff up and IT professionals take stock of their careers.”

Robert Half Technology (NYSE: RHI) is based in Menlo Park, Calif., but has an office in San Antonio.

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