



Canada's Staffing Index up despite manufacturing slowdowns

June 23, 2011 - Mississauga, ON – With the release of the Canadian Staffing Index for May, 2011, the Association of Canadian Search, Employment and Staffing Services (ACSESS) is reporting that, even with reductions in the manufacturing sector, Canadian temporary and contract staff continue to receive more hours of work on a daily basis. Each month, the Canadian Staffing Index is compiled by Staffing Industry Analysts (SIA).

“As we anticipated, May’s index reading landed between those of the two previous months,” confirmed ACSESS President, Bryan Toffey. “This result is reflective of monthly differences in the overall number of work days, not the number of hours worked per day, which continues to be on an upward trend.”

According to Toffey, the news is mixed from sector-to-sector. “We’re still seeing some shutdowns and lower hours worked in manufacturing, particularly with respect to the automotive segment. Despite this, the demand for services remains strong, keeping the total number of hours worked per day on the rise.”

SIA, the leading research firm covering the staffing industry and the contingent workforce, pointed out that the Index has demonstrated consistent long-term growth. SIA Research Associate, Robert Balicki, noted that, “Though the nominal gain was small, year-over-year growth was 8%. This is the sixteenth month of uninterrupted year-over-year gains, truly a good sign for the Canadian temporary staffing industry and the overall economy.”

An Index score of 85 measures the hours of labour performed by temporary and contract staff in May of 2011 compared to the benchmark index of 100 established in July of 2008.

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About ACSESS

ACSESS is the single voice for promoting best practices and ethical standards for the recruitment, employment and staffing services industry in Canada. Each month, ACSESS publishes the results of the Canadian Staffing Index, an independent survey conducted by Staffing Industry Analysts. The data collected for the Canadian Staffing Index is the largest sample size ever collected in Canada.

About Staffing Industry Analysts

Staffing Industry Analysts is the premier research and analysis firm covering temporary employment and the contingent workforce. Known for its independent and objective insights, the company's proprietary research, data, support tools, publications and executive conferences provide a competitive edge to decision-makers who supply and buy temporary staffing. In addition to temporary staffing, Staffing Industry Analysts also covers these related staffing sectors: third party placement, and staff leasing (PEOs). Founded in 1989, the company is headquartered in Mountain View, California. For more information visit:

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