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Steady Job Market Expected in First Quarter of 2019 for Columbia, SC MSA

- *U.S. hiring intentions at 12 year high as demand for skilled workers is set to grow*
- *Employers anticipate a Net Employment Outlook* of 15*
- *For the coming quarter, job prospects appear best in Construction, Durable Goods Manufacturing, Transportation & Utilities, Wholesale & Retail Trade, Financial Activities, Education & Health Services, Leisure & Hospitality, Other Services, and Government.*
- *ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey signals U.S. likely to hit 100 months of consecutive job growth in January*

December 11, 2018 - MSA employers expect to hire at a favorable pace during Quarter 1 2019, according to the ManpowerGroup's (NYSE: MAN) latest ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey.

Among employers surveyed, 23 percent plan to hire more employees from January through March. This number is offset by the 8 percent that plan to reduce payrolls, while 68 percent of employers expect to maintain current staff levels and 1 percent indicate they are not sure of their hiring plans. This yields a Net Employment Outlook* of 15%.

"Employers in the Columbia, SC MSA anticipate a weaker hiring pace compared to Q4 2018 when the Net Employment Outlook was 25," said ManpowerGroup spokesperson, Robert Johnson. "At this time last year, employers expected more hiring activity when the Outlook was 21."

Summary of Results for Columbia, SC MSA

View complete Q1 2019 survey results for the U.S: Manpowergroup.us/MEOS.

	Increase Staff	Decrease	Maintain	Don't Know	Net
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To complement the Quarter 1 2019 survey results, an infographic is available for download. “Where Are the Jobs” offers a snapshot of data and trends from the survey, including key state and metro area Outlooks along with an industry forecast. To view the infographic or press releases for other states or Metropolitan Statistical Areas, visit <https://www.manpowergroup.us/meos/>.

The next ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey to report hiring expectations for Quarter 2 2019 will be released on March 12, 2019. To receive an email notification when the survey is available each quarter, register for updates at <https://www.manpowergroup.us/meos/>.

About the Survey

The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey is conducted quarterly to measure employers' intentions to increase or decrease the number of employees in their workforces during the next quarter. The ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey's United States results are based on interviews with 12,500+ employers located in the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, which includes the largest 100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas based on the number of business establishments. The mix of industries within the survey follows the North American Industry Classification System Supersectors and is structured to be representative of the U.S. economy.

The complete results of the ManpowerGroup Employment Outlook Survey can be found online at <https://www.manpowergroup.us/meos/>. There you will also find the results for the 100 Metropolitan Statistical Areas surveyed, the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Questions can be directed to press@manpowergroup.com.

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