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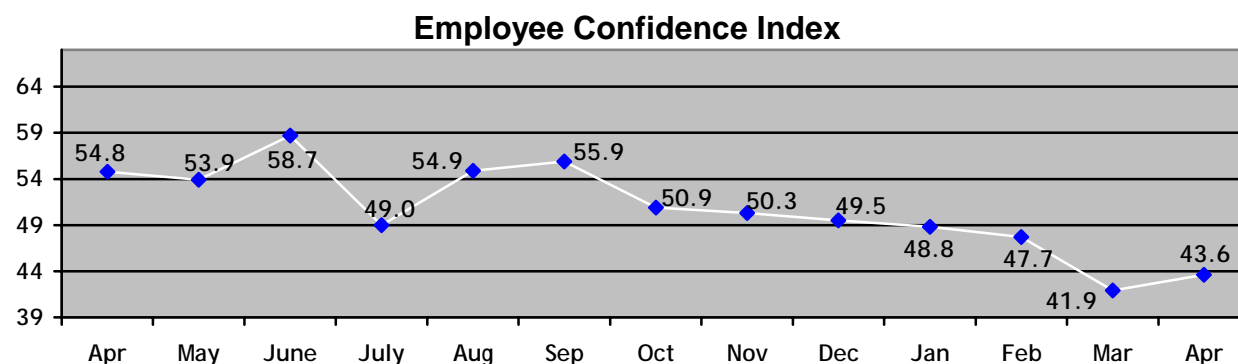
Ohio Employment Report: Employee Confidence Index Inches Up; Fewer Workers Likely to Look For New Jobs

COLUMBUS, Ohio, May 16, 2008 — The Ohio Employee Confidence Index increased 1.7 points to 43.6 in April, according to the Spherion® Employment Report. The monthly survey conducted by Harris Interactive® on behalf of Spherion Corporation (NYSE:SFN), indicates that although fewer workers are confident in the future of their current employer, more workers reported that it is not likely they will lose their jobs in the next 12 months, and fewer workers say they are likely to look for new jobs.

Results from the Ohio Employment Report:

- Fifty-six percent of workers are confident in the future of their current employer, down 12 percentage points from the previous month.
- More than eight in ten workers (83 percent) believe it is unlikely they will lose their jobs in the next year, an increase of seven percentage points from March.
- Sixty-three percent of workers feel that they are unlikely to look for a new job in the next 12 months, an increase of six percentage points from the previous month.

“Although prices at the pump continue to rise and our wallets have taken a hit by the elevated cost of food, the rebound of this month’s Confidence Index is a much welcomed change, said Robert Schulte, Spherion franchise owner in Ohio. “I believe that workers have good reason to be confident. Although Ohio’s unemployment rate is higher than the U.S. as a whole, our survey indicates that more than eight-in-ten workers believe it is unlikely they will lose their jobs in the next year. Savvy employers that offer their employees perks such as work/life balance, telecommuting and flexible scheduling will be ahead of the game when employment picks up.”



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April 2008 Employment Report Results

		<u>Ohio Workers</u>			<u>U.S. Workers</u>		
		<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>% Point Change</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>% Point Change</i>
Economy	Getting Stronger	8%	5%	-3	6%	5%	-1
	Staying Same	16%	19%	+3	22%	22%	0
	Getting Weaker	76%	76%	0	72%	73%	+1
Job Availability	More Jobs	11%	3%	-8	12%	12%	0
	Same Amount	14%	34%	+20	30%	28%	-2
	Fewer Jobs	75%	62%	-13	58%	60%	+2
Ability to Find New Job	Confident	45%	53%	+8	53%	52%	-1
	Neutral	22%	30%	+8	29%	31%	+2
	Not Confident	33%	17%	-16	18%	17%	-1
Future of Current Employer	Confident	68%	56%	-12	63%	65%	+2
	Neutral	18%	32%	+14	22%	22%	0
	Not Confident	13%	13%	0	14%	14%	0
Likelihood to Lose Job	Likely	14%	13%	-1	13%	13%	0
	Neutral	10%	4%	-6	10%	9%	-1
	Not Likely	76%	83%	+7	77%	78%	+1
Likelihood to Look for New Job	Likely	38%	28%	-10	35%	35%	0
	Neutral	4%	9%	+5	9%	10%	+1
	Not Likely	57%	63%	+6	55%	54%	-1

About the Spherion Employment Report

As part of the Spherion® Emerging Workforce® Series of employment surveys, the monthly Spherion Employment Report provides a snapshot of the latest workforce trends across the country and is issued in conjunction with state and national labor market releases. Three key indices are measured: the Spherion *Job Security Index*, which captures how likely respondents think it is that they will lose their job or that their job will be eliminated in the next 12 months; the Spherion *Job Transition Index*, which captures how likely respondents are to look for a new job in the next 12 months; and the *Employee Confidence Index*, which measures employees' overall confidence in the economy, the future of their employer, the availability of jobs, and their ability to find other employment. The Employee Confidence Index is based on these four components, with a 'score' calculated for each by taking the difference of the percentage of positive responses and the percentage of negative responses. These four scores are then averaged to indicate an overall level of employee confidence scaled from 0 (no confidence) to 100 (complete confidence). A reading above 50 indicates a positive confidence level.

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Methodology

The April 2008 Spherion® Employment Report was conducted online within the United by Harris Interactive on behalf of Spherion Corporation between April 7 and 9 and April 15 and 17, 2008 among a U.S. sample of 2,836 employed adults, aged 18 years and older, of whom 135 are employed in Ohio (for Mar 2008 n=161). Results were weighted as needed for age, sex, race/ethnicity, income, education and region. Propensity score weighting was also used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

All sample surveys and polls, whether or not they use probability sampling, are subject to multiple sources of error which are most often not possible to quantify or estimate, including sampling error, coverage error, error associated with nonresponse, error associated with question wording and response options, and post-survey weighting and adjustments. Therefore, Harris Interactive avoids the words "margin of error" as they are misleading. All that can be calculated are different possible sampling errors with different probabilities for pure, unweighted, random samples with 100% response rates. These are only theoretical because no published polls come close to this ideal.

Respondents for this survey were selected from among those who have agreed to participate in Harris Interactive surveys. The data have been weighted to reflect the composition of the U.S. adult population. Because the sample is based on those who agreed to be invited to participate in the Harris Interactive online research panel, no estimates of theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

About Spherion

Spherion Corporation (NYSE: SFN) is a leading recruiting and staffing company that provides integrated solutions to meet the evolving needs of companies and job candidates. As an industry pioneer for more than 60 years, Spherion has sourced, screened and placed millions of individuals in temporary, temp-to-hire and full-time jobs.

With approximately 700 locations in the United States and Canada, Spherion delivers innovative workforce solutions that improve business performance. Spherion provides its services to more than 8,000 customers, from Fortune 500 companies to a wide range of small and mid-size organizations. Employing more than 300,000 people annually through its network, Spherion is one of North America's largest employers. Spherion operates under the following brands: Spherion Staffing Services Group for administrative, clerical and light industrial workers; Technisource for technology professionals and solutions; The Mergis Group for accounting and finance and other professional positions; Todays Staffing for specialty administrative personnel; and Spherion Recruitment Process Outsourcing. To learn more, visit www.spherion.com.

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