# 2014 Salary Survey Petroleum Technician Responsibilities \& Potential 



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## Survey Result Criteria/Constraints

- Based on information requested from the salary period ending December 31, 2014.
- Survey form was distributed via email notification thru SPE GCS Petro-Tech website for the month of March.
- 61 completed surveys were received for of the survey period.
- Three responses were culled as respondents were Engineers/Managers.
- 58 responses tabulated.
- Average responses over last 10 years - 83 .


## Base Salary


$\square<40,000$

- 40-49,000
- 50-59,000
- 60-69,000
- 70-79,000
- 80-89,000
- 90-99,000
$\square 100-120,000$
■ 120-150,000
■151,000+


## Bonus Options



## Total Compensation



■ 10,000-50,999
■ 51,000-60,999
■ 61,000-70,999
■ 71,000-80,999
$\square 81,000-90,999$

- 91,000-100,999

■ 101,000-110,999
■ 111,000-120,999
■ 121,000-150,999
$\square 150,000$ +

## Total Compensation Trends Comparison



## Base Salaries Among Disciplines

- Base compensation averaged $\$ 110,000$ among all the types of technicians which include Engineering, Geological/Geophysical, Operations, and Regulatory.
- Base compensation is UP from YE 2013 by \$17,750
- Average salaries above \$110,000 were among those performing functions and duties more closely associated with Technologists and Managers.


## Base Salary Average Among Disciplines

## Base Salaries Among Disciplines



## Additional Compensation Notes

- Engineering Technicians focusing primarily on economics, database management, data analysis and presentations comprised $73 \%$ of total respondents.
- Geological/Geophysical Technicians comprised 8\% of total respondents.
- 15\% of total respondents duties included both Engineering Tech and Geological/Geophysical as top two functions.
- $31 \%$ of respondents marked administrative duties as their third priority.
- 19 respondents indicated Senior level positions, five manager positions, and 34 non-identified.


## Titles and Compensation

## Do They Matter?



## Tech, Technician, Technologist, Analyst What's in a name?

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| Title | Base | Performance | Retention | Stock | Total Pay |
| Analyst | 95,217 | 34,476 | 9,448 | 15,371 | 140,539 |
| Associate | 132,000 | 21,200 | 25,000 | 0 | 178,200 |
| Manager | 125,600 | 11,700 | 7,000 | 15,000 | 147,300 |
| Miscellaneous | 110,333 | 54,000 | 7,933 | 16,000 | 177,600 |
| Specialist | 155,000 | 52,000 | 0 | 0 | 207,000 |
| Tech | 100,940 | 17,758 | 8,645 | 59,000 | 131,882 |
| Technician | 90,652 | 20,661 | 5,759 | 0 | 117,072 |
| Technologist | 115,694 | 22,183 | 17,245 | 45,252 | 161,587 |

## Experience vs Compensation



For this graph, performance, retention, and stock are combined to create "bonus".

## Who Will Do The Job?



## Who Will Do The Job? Annual Comparison




## -HOW DO WE COMPARE?

| CSI <br> GROUPING | 2014 Petro- <br> Tech Survey | $\mathbf{2 0 1 4}$ CSI | $\mathbf{2 0 1 3}$ CSI | $\mathbf{2 0 1 2}$ CSI |
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| $0-5$ | $\$ 80,998$ | $\$ 71,201$ | $\$ 75,002$ | $\$ 73,563$ |
| $6-10$ | $\$ 97,667$ | $\$ 81,998$ | $\$ 84,162$ | $\$ 89,339$ |
| $11-20$ | $\$ 100,354$ | $\$ 96,916$ | $\$ 90,497$ | $\$ 91,331$ |
| $21+$ | $\$ 116,153$ | $\$ 107,892$ | $\$ 98,033$ | $\$ 103,210$ |
| Houston <br> Metro Only |  | $\$ 95,791$ | $\$ 95,791$ | $\$ 96,057$ |

## Base Salary Year over Year Comparison



## What's Your Time Worth?

- 78\% of respondents are considered "Exempt" employees and not paid overtime.
- $14 \%$ of respondents are considered "Non-Exempt" employees and are paid overtime.
- $9 \%$ of respondents left this question blank.
- Exempt salaries on average, were $8 \%$ higher than nonexempt - averaging \$105,000 for exempt, and \$97,000 for non-exempt.


## What Does It Take?

|  | College <br> Degree 2 <br> year | College <br> Degree 4 <br> year | Some <br> College - <br> No degree | Graduate <br> Degree | Masters <br> Degree |
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| $\frac{\text { Engineering }}{\text { Geologic }}$ | 3 | 18 | 13 | 1 | 2 |
| IT Systems | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operations | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Production | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Regulatory | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Reservoir | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |


| $\quad$ Education | Count |
| :--- | :---: |
| College Degree 2 year | 5 |
| College Degree 4 year | 25 |
| Some College - No degree | 20 |
| Graduate Degree | 3 |
| Masters Degree | 5 |
|  | 58 |

## Moving On

- 39 respondents have not changed jobs in the last two years. (67\%)
- 15 respondents changed jobs in the last two years by choice (26\%)
- Only two respondents changed jobs due to reduction in workforce.
- Of those respondents that changed jobs in the last two years, the percent of change in salary:
Min - -25\%
Max-43\%
- When asked if respondents expect change in duties and/or salary in the upcoming year:
24\% Do Not
52\% Do
24\% May


## Increase Your Value <br> Top Software Usage Among Respondents

Microsoft Excel<br>Microsoft Access<br>Microsoft Word<br>ARIES<br>PHDWin<br>PEEP<br>ESRI ArcGIS<br>Schlumberger OFM<br>Microsoft PowerPoint<br>SharePoint<br>Spotfire<br>Peloton (MasterView, WellView, RigView, SiteView, ProdView)<br>IHS Dwights (Prod Exploer, Enerdeq, PowerTools)<br>Bharmony/Fekete<br>Adobe (Acrobat, PhotoShop, Professional)<br>DrillingInfo Suite (DI Web, DI Desktop, HPDI)<br>Petra<br>SAP<br>Haliburton's OpenWells<br>Geographix

Additional Software Used: Carte, TOW, TechLog, Lexco OWL, Canvas, Petrel, SMT, Corel Draw, NeuraLog, PetroSys, SharePoint, Bolo, EarthVision, AFE Navigator

## Take Away

Regardless of title, duties, company size, or location, the fact remains that Techs, Technologists, Technicians, Analysts, etc. in the industry are consistently lumped into categories with Engineers, Landman, Accountants, and the like.

Tech groups should initiate change, participate in salary surveys when possible, designating that you are in a category of your own class.

Provide feedback to your managers, HR, etc. by way of this survey and/or positive discussions on the differences.

## Additional Sources

SPE International's Annual Salary Survey-
http://www.spe.org/industry/salary-survey.php

CSI Recruiting Salary Report -
http://www.csirecruiting.com/salary-report

Air energi Workforce Survey -
http://www.airenergi.com/brochures/workforce-survey-2014-h2

Mercer (paid subscription service used by some HR)-
http://www.imercer.com/products/2013/us-mtcs.aspx

