That’s right, the federal government expects to hire nearly 200,000 new workers in the year that ends in September 2009 – that’s just in a 12-month period. Another 300,000 jobs are expected to open up in the near future as thousands of government workers retire or resign. Jobs are open in practically every skill area and in all 50 states (and some overseas locations), and a high percentage of jobs being vacated are supervisory, reports the Washington Post.

Following are the agencies where 20 percent or more of current employees are expected to retire by 2012:

- Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Department of Education
- Department of Energy
- Department of the Interior
- Department of Labor
- Department of the Treasury
- Federal Aviation Administration
- General Services Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Social Security Administration

Survey Shows 19 Percent of College Seniors Who Have Applied for Jobs Have Obtained One

Approximately 19 percent of college seniors who have applied for a full-time job have obtained one, according to more than 11,000 graduating bachelor’s-degree-level seniors who have responded to NACE’s 2009 Student Survey so far. By comparison 25 percent of seniors who had applied for a job had landed one at this time last year.

So far, the top majors based on the percent of students applying for a job who have landed a position are:

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To date, more than 25,000 students have responded to the survey, including more than 11,000 graduating seniors. The survey is open until April 30.
When Should You Reveal Your Disability?

Most experts feel the time to notify an employer about a disability is before you start a new job. But this doesn’t mean you should cite a handicap on your resume or cover letter.

Perhaps the first thing to do, as you look at future employers, is to scope out their culture - specifically, what you can learn about their employment of people with disabilities. Is there a network for employees with disabilities? If so, it can be a major assistance as you seek to strike a balance between your disability and the requirements of your job.

Perhaps the best time to reveal a disability is during the first or second job interview, after you have had a chance to cite the skills and background you bring to the job. If you are fortunate, you can address your ability to handle your condition in such a way that it won't be a factor in your employment.

Others feel you should wait until you have proved yourself on the job before revealing your disability. If you are a good worker, and can handle the requirements of the position, disclosing a handicap to your supervisor may not be a big deal. But keep in mind that your right under the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires employers to make reasonable accommodations to help you perform your job, are not protected until you have disclosed your disability.

Source: Career Opportunities News Jan/Feb 2009

Summer Job Search Tips for Teens

All teen jobs are not created equal. Lucky teenagers grab jobs at high-dollar restaurants, laid-back coffee shops or clothing stores like Hollister and American Eagle. Unlucky teens get jobs frying fish sticks at Uncle Leo’s Seafood Shack.

Here are a few tips to beat the competition for the choicest summer gigs:

1. Have realistic summer job expectations:
   Everyone has that one friend with the dream summer job - the one who makes more than you, works less and seemingly possesses an unlimited amount of sick days. (And by sick days, we mean days spent tanning by the pool while reading a copy of US Weekly). It may seem like that friend has won the summer job lottery, and we don’t want to be the fun police, but what is he/she really learning? Even if a summer job may not appear to be the yellow brick road to your dream career, you’d be surprised at what you can take away from the right seasonal job.

2. Get yourself connected:
   Now is the time to touch base with former bosses, employed friends, and dad’s buddy who owns that restaurant. Networking isn’t just for stuffy dudes in suits anymore.

3. Don’t be “that guy” or that girl”:
   When dozens and dozens of your peers are vying for the same coveted job, don’t make it easy for a potential employer to take you out of the running early. From having crass cell phone ring tones blowing up during an interview to dropping off a resume while wearing a tuxedo t-shirt, the list of these embarrassing faux pas is long. When in doubt, pause, then exercise a little common sense.

4. Defy stereotypes:
   Many managers almost expect teen job seekers to be less professional and even less respectful than older applicants. Show them you’re different. Arrive on time to the interview and shake hands firmly.

5. Avoid a deadly sign of immaturity:
   The supercool e-mail address. Stick to one that includes your name.

6. Clean up your online profiles:
   Don’t put swear words, inappropriate photos or references to illegal activities on your Facebook or MySpace page. More employers are checking out applicants online.
The Four Generations in Our Workplace

Here’s how the Chronicle of Higher Education described the origins of today’s workers:

Traditionalists (born between 1925 and 1946):
Often called the “Silent Generation.” Lived through the Great Depression, World War II and the Korean War, benefited from the GI Bill. At work - loyal, accept a hierarchy, resistant to change.

Baby Boomers (born between 1946 and 1964):
Also called the “Sandwich Generation” since so many care for both children and aging parents. Loved through the popularizations of TV, John F. Kennedy, the Beatles, the moon walk, the Vietnam War and protests. At work - dedicated, want face time, good team spirit.

Generation X (Born between 1964 and 1982):
Also referred to as the “Me Generation.” Lived through the fall of the old Soviet Union, women’s liberation, growing use of personal computers and home video games, and the dot-com boom and bust. At work - flexible, informal, need to balance work with personal life.

Generation Y (born between 1982 and 1990s):
Also called the “Millenials.” Lived through 9/11, Internet era, cell phones, and Facebook. At work - need for feedback, recognition, fulfillment, and advanced technology.

Resume Tip of the Month...

When Listing Job Duties

When listing your job duties, remember to use the correct "tense". If you're still working there, use "organize", "develop", "create". If you're not working there anymore, use "organized", "developed", "created".

Interview Tip of the Month...

Get a Good Night’s Sleep

Someone who looks tired might also look sickly. Nobody wants to be around someone with a cold or the flu.