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Security clearance investigations at all levels [resumed last month](#), according to the newly appointed director of the U.S. Defense Security Service. The two month delay in processing the clearances **heightened demand for cleared candidates**, and brought supply and demand issues to the forefront.

Job postings on ClearanceJobs.com topped 3,000 active postings for the first time on August 1, 2006. As the end of summer typically marks **increased hiring activity** among government contractors, many cleared candidates on ClearanceJobs.com have reported finding new jobs within days of posting their resumes.

Although metro Washington DC continues to top the list of locations for most desired candidates, **Tucson, Arizona** entered the top five for the first time. In its four year history, over 4,200 jobs for the Tucson area have been posted on ClearanceJobs.com. At this time, more than 60 jobs are posted for the southern Arizona area.

This month's **Job Spotlight** focuses on two technologies new to the government and defense industries. Although it has been around since 2003, Microsoft's Sharepoint product is just now catching on with the U.S. defense industry. Similarly, the popular resource management tool Peoplesoft is quickly becoming a standard in the Federal marketplace. Jobs for these technologies are in abundance, but qualified cleared candidates are few in numbers and difficult to find.

Focus on Security Clearance

4,259	Number of jobs posted to ClearanceJobs.com in the past 30 days, up 11 percent from last month
77,196	Current number of cleared job seekers registered on ClearanceJobs.com
1,664,716	Approximate number of military reservists and national guards
\$49,933	Average salary of a cleared Administrative Assistant, as polled in the ClearanceJobs.com Security Clearance Salary Survey

Most Wanted Job Industries

1. Engineering-Aerospace and Aviation
2. Systems Engineer
3. IT Software-Java/J2EE
4. IT Management-Network Admin
5. Engineering-Military Communications

[View all posted jobs](#)

Job Seeker Poll Results

This month's poll of 543 cleared job seekers asks candidates about the intrinsic value of their security clearances.

Would you let your security clearance expire for a great job that did not require use of it?

Yes - A good job is hard to find		30% (165)
No - My clearance is too valuable		70% (378)

Top Requested Locations for Security-Cleared Candidates:

1. DC-Washington/Metro
2. VA-McLean/Arlington
3. VA-Fairfax/Reston
4. CA-Anaheim/Huntington Beach
5. AZ-Tucson
6. VA-Herndon
7. CA-San Diego
8. CA-El Segundo
9. NJ-Northern
10. VA-Northern

Spotlight on Tucson, AZ

With multiple military bases and a large concentration of defense contractors calling southern Arizona home, security clearance jobs are plentiful. Careers in the area range from high level engineers and database administrators, to software developers and intelligence professionals. In the past four years, over 4,200 jobs have been posted on ClearanceJobs.com to fill positions in Tucson alone. Other locations including Sierra Vista and Ft. Huachuca show an increase of 13% in job postings in the past twelve months.

- Average salary of polled security cleared candidates in southern Arizona: \$60,417
- Defense contractors in southern Arizona: Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, SAIC
- Most common security clearance job category in Tucson, AZ: Systems Engineer
- Military bases in southern Arizona: Davis-Monthan AFB, Ft Huachuca, Yuma MCAS, Luke AFB

Job Spotlights

(Description of unique security-cleared position currently posted on ClearanceJobs.com)

Job Title: Senior Sharepoint Developer
Employer: TEKSystems
Job Location: NC-Wilmington/Fayetteville

Clearance: Minimum Top Secret level security clearance required

Company in Fayetteville, NC is looking for a candidate will be administering, supporting and developing a Windows Sharepoint Portal Site. Will be responsible for working with end-users to define and document requirements, for designing and developing solutions that meet or exceed these requirements, for implementing and testing these solutions using configuration management, QA, and QC processes, for supporting the training of users, and for supporting these solutions in the production environment. Candidate must be able to work with very little supervision in a highly charged and fast paced environment. Security clearance required.

Job Title: Peoplesoft Software Architect
Employer: Design Staffing, LLC
Job Location: LA-New Orleans

Clearance: Minimum Secret level security clearance required

Salary: \$115,000 - \$120,000 per year

Responsive to specific issues impacting primary assigned support area. Have detail experience in PeopleSoft security and workflow. Analyze HR requirements for DIMHRS functionality and prepare key management presentations (impact assessments, design alternatives, point papers, major design decisions). Serve as a reviewer of deliverables from functional analysis to ensure consistency with standards and within scope of overall program objectives. Serve in a lead role on special projects when

assigned to support the overall program objective including developing project plans, organizing and leading meetings as well as coordinating task of other resources. Security clearance required.

ClearanceJobs.com Salary Survey

(Highest top ten average yearly salaries of security-cleared individuals by location, according to the Q1 2006 ClearanceJobs.com [Salary Survey](#))

- Iraq \$92,143
- MD \$89,111
- OH \$86,111
- NM \$83,889
- NY \$80,938
- Germany \$80,000
- VA \$77,108
- DC \$70,072
- CA \$69,216
- AZ \$68,000

[Read the entire salary survey](#)

Upcoming Security-Cleared Career Fairs:

Ft Monmouth, NJ	8/8/06
Ft Huachuca, AZ	9/19/06
Chantilly, VA	9/12/06
Crystal City, VA	9/13/06

[View all upcoming career fairs](#)

Security-Cleared Question of the Month:

(From the ClearanceJobs.com [Security Clearance FAQ](#))

What types of things can prevent someone from receiving a security clearance?

For collateral (TS,S,C) clearances, all requested information must be disclosed honestly. Falsification and felonies are two items which may cause the government to deny a clearance. Issues such as financial trouble, including insufficient funds, bankruptcy and bad check writing, illegal drug or heavy alcohol use, excessive foreign contact or unexplained affluence must all be explained and investigated thoroughly before a decision can be made and a security clearance granted or denied.

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