



The ClearanceJobs Report February 2007 Volume 2, Issue 2

As predicted early last month, January 2007 was the most **active month ever for hiring security-cleared job seekers** on defense industry contracts. The surge started almost immediately in January, and gained momentum throughout the month. Seasonality, combined with a large number of multi-million dollar [Department of Defense contracts](#) being awarded in December and January, and renewed interest in [government](#) and [contractor](#) “brain drain” were catalysts.

The flurry of hiring activity was seen fully on ClearanceJobs.com. The site reported **monthly records broken** for new job seeker registrations, jobs posted, job applications submitted, and website traffic. Approximately 5,000 new security-cleared job seekers registered on ClearanceJobs.com in January looking for jobs, equal to November and December combined.

While the government’s proposed \$481 billion defense budget for 2008 is an 11.3% increase in spending over what Congress authorized in 2007, no immediate effects have been seen in hiring. If approved, however, many projects would then be fully funded and expected hiring would ensue.

Future planning: The Department of Defense is [again looking towards younger generations](#) in hopes to groom them for a life of government service.

By The Numbers

94,212	Current number of cleared job seekers registered on ClearanceJobs.com
\$481 billion	U.S. defense budget FY 2008 (proposed)
\$302 billion	U.S. defense budget FY 2001
6,033	Number of security clearance jobs posted to ClearanceJobs.com, past 30 days
350,000	Estimated backlog of candidates awaiting security clearance award

Most Wanted Security Clearance Job Industries


1. Engineering-Military Communications
2. IT Software-Java/J2EE
3. Engineering-Military Software
4. Military - Intelligence Analysis
5. IT Software-.net

[View all posted jobs](#)

Job Seeker Poll Results

This month’s poll of 543 cleared job seekers asks candidates if they would trade their clearance for the perfect job.

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

Yes - A good job is hard to find  30%

No - My clearance is too valuable  70%

Job Spotlight

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

Job Title: Entry Level Business Analyst
Employer: Computer Sciences Corporation
Job Location: Huntsville, AL

Clearance: Minimum Secret level security clearance required

This position is for an entry-level Analyst for Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) Cost Estimating Directorate (DOBE) within the Directorate of Business Management Operations (DOB), Missile Defense Agency (MDA). Member of a team that supports government cost estimating directorate in Huntsville, AL with significant travel to National Capital Region and other locations around the world likely.

This candidate will integrate the results of earned value management system (EVMS) analysis into the cost estimating process, support development and documentation of cost estimating and analysis processes and procedures, and participate in estimating/analysis training and be able to apply newly acquired skills. The position requires a BS degree in Mathematics, Operations Research, or Economics required and an active SECRET clearance or eligible for immediate re-instatement..

Top Requested Locations for Security-Cleared Candidates:

1. DC-Washington/Metro
2. VA-Chantilly
3. VA-McLean/Arlington
4. AZ-Tucson
5. CA-El Segundo
6. VA-Fairfax/Reston
7. CA-San Diego
8. CO-Aurora
9. MD-Ft. Meade
10. AL-Northern/Huntsville

Spotlight on Security Clearance Jobs in Huntsville, Alabama

Although Alabama is home to only five military bases, the state is home to thousands of defense industry contractors. In particular, the Huntsville area has always been associated with top aerospace companies like Boeing and Lockheed. Both the Army's Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center are headquartered in Huntsville, and employ large numbers of skilled engineers and technicians and hosts of support staff.

- Huntsville's Redstone Arsenal was created in 1941 as a munitions depot for World War II and now serves as the U.S. Army's center for missile and rocket programs
- Approximately 4,600 personnel, both military and civilian, are relocating to Huntsville as part of the recent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) determinations
- Security clearance jobs in Huntsville include aerospace, engineering, finance, science, information technology, and project management
- The average salary for a security-cleared job seeker in Huntsville is \$72,333

ClearanceJobs.com Salary Survey

(Top 10 highest paid locations for security clearance jobs, according to the Q3 2006 ClearanceJobs.com [Salary Survey](#))

- Iraq \$98,387
- MD \$78,422
- VA \$76,500
- PA \$76,452
- DC \$73,428
- NY \$69,444
- NJ \$69,032
- MA \$65,741
- IL \$65,476
- AZ \$64,423

[Read the entire salary survey](#)

Upcoming IT, Engineering, and Security Clearance Career Fairs:

Dallas	02/14/2007
San Diego	02/21/2007
Chicago	02/27/2007
New Jersey	03/01/2007
New York	03/05/2007
Ft. Walton Beach	03/07/2007
Atlanta	03/08/2007
Washington DC	03/13/2007
Houston	03/14/2007
Austin	03/28/2007
Phoenix	04/04/2007
Seattle	04/11/2007
San Francisco	08/08/2007

[View all upcoming career fairs](#)

Security-Cleared Question of the Month:

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

What is a Periodic Reinvestigation?

A periodic reinvestigation (PR) is when a currently cleared individual is required to review, update and resubmit his or her clearance application for a reinvestigation. Periodic Reinvestigations are routinely required every 5 years for those with TS clearances, every 10 years for those with Secret clearances and every 15 years for those with Confidential clearances. A PR is done to ensure that a candidate should still have access to classified information. Random Periodic Reinvestigations are also administered at will.