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This month, ClearanceJobs saw an **85% increase in job postings** as compared to last month. Due to the recent announcement from the Department of Defense to [temporarily suspend](#) clearance processing for contract workers, the demand for professionals with an active security clearance is expected to continue to increase.

The Washington D.C. and Northern Virginia metro areas continue to **lead the nation in its demand** for security-cleared professionals – claiming four of the five places in the Report’s top requested metro areas ranking (see below).

This month’s **Job Spotlight** focuses on a field supervisor position in **Baghdad**. As just one of 2,771 job opportunities on ClearanceJobs.com, the position represents the diverse career opportunities available to a person with an active government security clearance.

Focus on Security Clearance

2,771	Current number of jobs on ClearanceJobs.com requiring clearance, up 85% or 1,499 postings from last month
68,280	Current number of job seekers registered on ClearanceJobs.com
100,000	Estimated number of requests for new security clearance applications submitted the U.S. government in the last six months
18 months	Current estimated waiting period for a final Top Secret, DoD-issued security clearance

Most Wanted Job Titles

1. Intelligence Analyst
2. Systems Engineer
3. Computer Systems Integration
4. Contracts Manager/Negotiator
5. Embedded Software Engineer

[View all posted jobs](#)

Job Spotlight

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

Job Title: Field Supervisor

Job Location: Baghdad, Iraq

Clearance: Minimum Secret level security clearance

Salary: \$3,200 per week / \$166,000 per year

Bonus: Travel, housing, meals, phone, internet, and satellite TV are provided. There will be a 2 week R&R every 4 months and a bonus after one year of service.

Four month contract jobs that coincide with a four year Operations and Maintenance project. The location of these positions is within the military protected Green Zone of Baghdad. As a Supervisor, you would provide hands-on general labor and supervise a team of local workers in such areas as grounds maintenance, housekeeping, general labor, and driving services. Other related supervisory positions include Electrical Engineer, Vehicle Mechanic, and Chef.

Top Requested Metro Areas for Security-Cleared Candidates:

1. VA-McLean/Arlington
2. DC-Washington/Metro
3. AZ-Tucson
4. VA-Fairfax/Reston
5. VA-Chantilly

Spotlight on Washington D.C.

Most in-demand job titles in Washington D.C.:

- Systems Engineer
- Engineering-Aerospace and Aviation
- IT Software-Programming

Average security-cleared salary in Washington D.C.: \$70,072

ClearanceJobs.com Salary Survey

(Highest paying security-cleared levels, according to the Q1 2006 ClearanceJobs.com [Salary Survey](#))

- Department of Energy (DOE) - \$102,500
- NSA or CIA-issued - \$92,500
- Top Secret (TS) - \$69,030
- Secret (S) - \$62,289
- Confidential (C) - \$45,000

[Read the entire salary survey](#)

Upcoming Security-Cleared Career Fairs:

Washington DC - 5/16/2006
Dulles Expo & Conference Center

Ft. Walton - 5/25/2006
Emerald Coast Conference Center

Ft. Huachuca - 6/7/2006
Windemere Hotel & Conference Center

Huntsville - 6/13/2006
Holiday Inn Select Hotel

San Diego - 6/20/2006
Scottish Rite Masonic Center

[View all upcoming career fairs](#)

Security-Cleared Question of the Month:

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

Q: What do the terms "active," "current" and "expired" clearance mean?

A: An "active" clearance is one in which the candidate is presently eligible for access to classified information. A "current" clearance is one in which a candidate has been determined eligible for access to classified information but is not currently eligible without a reinstatement. A candidate has two years to remain on a "current" status before moving to an "expired" status. Both "active" and "current" clearances are easily transferred between employers. An "expired" clearance is one that has not been used in more than two years and cannot be reinstated. Once sponsored, the candidate must resubmit a clearance application and go through a new investigation to have access. Individuals with expired clearances cannot be considered for jobs that require active or current clearances.