

GOVERNMENT JOBS AND WEBSITES FOR GREATER HUNTSVILLE, AL

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Here are a few things and places to consider about getting a government job. "The Government" is not one organization, and each organization uses different sources and procedures at the current time. Here are just a few -- I have left off USAF, USN and many others because they do not have a large presence in the Huntsville area.

The first source you should consider is USAJOBS.

<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/> You can build multiple resumes at their site, but only one is active at any time. You must revisit the site to "renew" your resumes every couple of months or so -- not sure if they are good for 120 or 180 days.

You can set up multiple "agents" which are electronic alerts for various parameters that you tell the "agent" you are looking for in a job. My own tells me when there are jobs at certain grade levels of certain categories in the Huntsville area -- they are automatic email alerts with hyperlinks back to the job announcement. This way, I do not have to check the site daily for new postings.

USAJOBS announces jobs for the Army and other agencies and provides hyperlinks where the individual agency has its own system.

Some organizations that use USAJOBS resumes include

Transportation Security Agency (TSA) <http://www.tsa.gov/join/index.shtm>

Homeland Security <http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/index.shtm>

and USAJOBS links to the Army for Army announced jobs on USAJOBS which requires a different resume on their website.

Here is a special tip --- Watch for the job announcement number with a "D" as the last position because those are open to the public. Army announcements without the "D" are usually limited to particular groups -- you may be eligible for those too -- but treat them as two different announcements and apply for both if you are eligible even though they are for the same job and same announcement number -- the considerations are different.

The next site <http://cpol.army.mil/> is the one used by most of the local Army agencies at Redstone Arsenal -- there are more than Army offices at RSA and those do NOT use this one.

For "Army" the following folks are forecasting BRAC jobs by 2012:

HQ Army Materiel Command – 1,354

HQ US Army Space and Missile Defense Command – 180

HQ US Army Security Assistance Command – 340

Aviation Technical Test Center – 323

2nd Recruiting Brigade – 75

2nd Medical Recruiting Battalion – 75

Rotary Wing Center - 50

This one has several good things to know about. The first is the link to FASCLASS <http://cpsfc.belvoir.army.mil/fasclass/inbox/> which tells you about the requirements for various jobs at various grade levels. It can give you a lot of the "buzz words" that you need to get into your resume.

Another link that is necessary to use this site is the resume builder and database <https://cpolst.belvoir.army.mil/public/resumebuilder/builder/index.jsp> also known as RESUMIX. You can only have one resume on file there and it can be a bit tricky to use unless you know the quirks.

Another tip -- You should have copies of your RESUMIX resume in your home computer and keep different ones for different types of positions so that each has the right words to paste into RESUMIX. Timing for posting the resume in RESUMIX is also critical if you apply to different positions requiring different resumes. Be sure to have the properly focused resume for a particular job announcement and leave it for a few days after the closing date if you are going to replace it with a differently focused resume for a different announcement. That means that if you are applying for an "Analyst" position and use most of the allocated characters for that resume, and a "Logistician" position comes open, you time the different resumes to be considered for each position.

MDA now uses DLA <https://sec.hr.dla.mil/apply/> It has still another resume builder. The Government keeps people busy filling out resumes in different websites and different formats. They are one of the main senior commands hiring in HSV and are still moving in under BRAC. They currently use this site, but may go to the RESUMIX if the Army Civilian Personnel Office provides them the support when they get fully established here. For the time being, they hire from DLA. They have their own format for Resumes and have a resume builder on line. You must have your resume in their system as well.

MDA is forecasting 2,248 BRAC jobs by 2012

Human Resource Services Center hires mostly for Washington based organizations

<https://storm.psd.whs.mil/WHSJobs.html>

American Forces Information Service

Business Transformation Office

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

Defense POW/Missing

Personnel Office Defense Legal Services

Defense Security Cooperation

Agency Defense Security Services

Defense Technology Security

Administration Defense Test Resource Management Center

Defense Threat Reduction Agency

Dept of Defense Counterintelligence

Joint Staff Missile Defense Agency

Office of Economic Adjustment

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Pentagon Force Protection Agency

TRICARE Management Agency

US Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces

Washington Headquarters Services

The FBI uses its own source at <http://www.fbijobs.gov/> They are looking for linguists, special agents, and hostage rescue team members.

The NASA site <http://www.nasajobs.nasa.gov/> has info for their agency.

NASA is forecasting 500 job growth by 2012

GAO is another agency that works for Congress doing investigative work
-- Their site is at <http://www.gao.gov/jobs/splashscreen.php>

The US Postal System has their site at
<http://www.usps.com/employment/welcome.htm?from=home&page=employment>

The Non-Appropriated Fund (NAF) uses the [cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) website for hiring most Morale and Welfare activities – day care, golf course, automotive craft shop, craft (leather, framing, wood, pottery, etc) shop, life guards, and similar positions. NAF HR is located in Bldg. 3197, outside of Gate 8 on the corner of Drake and Patton. Jobs are posted at www.cpol.army.mil, and **the best way is to check for job openings twice a week**, and then stop in person at the HR office, or fax resumes to 256-955-8388 or send via email to NAFHRO@conus.army.mil.

A national site for NAF jobs is <http://www.cpms.osd.mil/>

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) (also known as the PX) hires for the PX, Class VI Store, Tire and Furniture store, military clothing sales, and other retail establishments.
<http://odin.aafes.com/employment/default.asp>

Some independent businesses have shops on the military base – the dry cleaner, barber and beauty shops, florist, optometrist, and others as well as some vendors who set up kiosk-type retail shops in the PX corridor.

There are other sites like <http://hrd.whs.mil/> and agencies or offices like:

FAA at Huntsville Airport <http://www.faa.gov/jobs/>

TSA (Transportation Security Administration) <http://www.tsa.gov/join/index.shtm>

Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) <http://www.dcaa.mil/careercenter/index.htm>,

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA), <http://www.dcma.mil/careers/index.cfm>

Defense Acquisition University (DAU), <http://careers.dau.mil/>

Defense Systems Management College (DSMC)

Army Audit Agency <http://www.hqda.army.mil/aaaweb/career.htm>

etc. but the sites listed above are off the top of my head at the moment and should keep you more than busy for an hour or two.

Other agencies coming to Redstone by 2012 include?

DIA – Missile Space Intel Center

FBI – TEDAC

Also, the local non-government businesses will be hiring to support all this Government growth at Redstone Arsenal.

Any additions, corrections, or updates can be sent to itsjestme@juno.com

ADDITIONAL INFO ON ARMY JOBS at Redstone Arsenal

Army jobs at Redstone Arsenal and Corps of Engineers are listed in the weekly newspaper REDSTONE ROCKET. Go to this website, click on the most recent edition, and look in one of the last pages

https://ams8.redstone.army.mil/portal/page?_pageid=735,2673762&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL

Also, for the use of Job Club members, there is a **FEDERAL JOBS RESOURE BOOK** available at the St John's Parish Center office. Anyone wishing to use it (please, on the premises only – a work area can be made available to review and study its contents), just ask for it at the parish office. The point of contact is Sr. Virginia or office manager Terry.