

# Military-Focused Electronic Tools Guide

The Department of Labor's electronic tools assist millions of Americans every month with their employment-related needs. Our military-focused Web-based tools provide solutions designed especially for:

- Transitioning Military Personnel
- Military Spouses
  - Base Realignment and Closure-Impacted Communities, Workers, and Businesses
- Employment Readiness Program Staff
- Workforce Boards and Workforce Professionals

## Descriptions:

**The Department of Defense (DoD) Job Search** (<http://dod.jobsearch.org>) is an association Web site of the US Department of Labor's (DOL) America's Job Bank. It is intended to assist separating service members in their job search by providing a priority entry point to America's Job Bank and improved access to employment opportunities targeted to the skills of transitioning military personnel. This site also contains a special resume writer designed to help users translate their military experience into the appropriate civilian/private sector language. A similar association site developed in partnership with the Veterans' Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service designed specifically to assist their Chapter 31 clients is available at <http://dva.jobsearch.org/>.

**MilSpouse** ([www.MilSpouse.org](http://www.MilSpouse.org)) is the most comprehensive Web portal site for military spouse employment, resources, and information to support the career aspirations of military spouse job seekers - particularly those in the midst of a permanent change of station move. This portal is jointly sponsored by the Departments of Labor and Defense and provides easy access to information, resources, and opportunities related to education, training, and employment, and support services such as child care and transportation. The MilSpouse.org Web site also contains a Career Coach, that is accessed through a 'Need Help?' button, and guides users to information based on problems often facing spouses. Users select a situation and are then guided to specific resources.

**Military Spouse Job Search** ([www.militaryspousejobsearch.org](http://www.militaryspousejobsearch.org)) is a joint venture between the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, U.S. Community and Family Support Center (USACFSC) and the Department of Labor. Users can access workforce, training, and education information, career assessment aids, or build a resume. This site also features a financial aid center for spouses considering going back to school and a relocation center for families considering a permanent move or temporary change of location.

Employers featured on this site are partners in the Army Spouse Employment Partnership. Current partners include: Adecco USA, Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Army Career Alumni Program, Army Civilian Personnel, BellSouth, Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Computer Systems Corporation, CVS, Defense Commissary Agency, Dell, EURPAC Service Inc., Hospital Corporation of America, Home Depot, Lockheed Martin, Manpower Inc., Merck and Company, Sears Holding Corporation, and Sprint.

**BRAC Coach** ([www.BRAC-Coach.org](http://www.BRAC-Coach.org)) is an innovative electronic tool that provides resources for common issues and challenges facing communities, workers, and business affected by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)\* activity. Step-by-step instructions help users find the tools, information, and resources needed to successfully navigate this transition. For more information on BRAC, please visit the official DoD Web site at <http://www.defenselink.mil/brac/>.

**Relocation Center** ([www.careeronestop.org/relocation/relocationcenterhome.asp](http://www.careeronestop.org/relocation/relocationcenterhome.asp)) offers a link to government and private sector resources that can help military and BRAC-impacted workers who need to consider a permanent move or temporary change in location. Aides used to evaluate relocation options, information on local job opportunities and wages, cost of living, financing the move, mortgages, and insurance can all be found here.

**Credentialing Center** (<http://www.careeronestop.org/CREDENTIALING/CredentialingHome.asp>) is a specially designed site that brings together information resources to assist both civilians and transitioning military to obtain required occupational credentials that will qualify them for employment opportunities. The site, which is part of the CareerOneStop electronic tools, pulls together a number of online resources related to credentialing, including: the occupational Certification Finder and Licensed Occupations search tools from America's Career InfoNet; information on Apprenticeships, as well as three sites specifically designed to assist military members- Army Credentialing Opportunities OnLine (Army COOL), the United Services Military Apprenticeship Program (USMAP), and Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES).

**Other useful electronic tools for transitioning military and businesses:**

**www.HireVetsFirst.gov Web site** provides information on the Hire Vets First initiative and directs businesses interested in hiring veterans to America's Service Locator ([http://www.servicelocator.org/nearest\\_onestop.asp](http://www.servicelocator.org/nearest_onestop.asp)) or to 1-877-US2-JOBS to find their closest One-Stop Career Center for services.

**America's Career InfoNet** ([www.careerinfonet.org](http://www.careerinfonet.org)) is an electronic storehouse of national, state and local workforce information, and interactive career tools, including a Career Resource Library that helps people make informed career decisions. ACINet also provides linkages to state workforce and labor market information.

**America's Job Bank** ([www.ajb.org](http://www.ajb.org)) is an on-line labor exchange where businesses can find qualified individuals and job seekers can find great job opportunities. The site contains over a million and a half jobs nationwide and 600,000 resumes to assist both employers and jobseekers.

**America's Service Locator** ([www.servicelocator.org](http://www.servicelocator.org)) connects people to local offices providing employment and training services and provides maps and driving directions to these One-Stop Career Centers. ASL also has information on more than 20,000 other local resources and offices.

**Career Voyages** ([www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov)) presents career and workforce information on occupations in high growth and high demand industries and includes videos and links to actual job descriptions and jobs in local communities.

**O\*NET OnLine** (<http://online.onetcenter.org/>) enhances businesses' hiring and retention efforts and supports workers and students in career planning by accessing key data for identifying and developing workplace skills.

**Toll-Free Help Line** (1-877-US2-JOBS, TTY: 1-877-889-5627) provides a full range of basic information about workforce program services for both workers and businesses, as well as locations of One-Stop Career Centers and other offices.

**Finding the Right Tool - This chart identifies which Web sites key user groups find the most helpful:**

Group	Activity	Military-Focused Electronic Tools							America's Career InfoNet	America's Job Bank	America's Service Locator	Career Voyages	O*NET OnLine	Toll Free Help Line
		DOD Job Search	Mil Spouse	Military Spouse Job Search	BRAC Coach	Relocation Center	Credentiaing Center	Hire Vets First						
Separating Service Members/ BRAC-Impacted Workers	Workforce Information, Data, and Statistics		■		■	■			■			■	■	
	Find a Job, Job Search Aids	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■		■	■	■
	Find a Local One-Stop Career Center		■		■	■		■			■	■		■
	Educational Opportunities		■	■	■		■		■		■	■		
	Linking Military to Civilian Skills						■						■	
	Federal Employment Opportunities		■					■						
Military Spouses	Find Military Installation Family Service Center		■								■			■
	Find Nearest One-Stop Career Center		■		■	■					■	■		■
	Find Child Care And Transportation Information		■		■	■					■			
	Military Family Focused Job Banks and Resources	■	■	■	■				■					■
	Military Family-Focused Ed./Training Resources		■	■	■									■
	Military Family Government Programs		■	■	■									■
Businesses and BRAC-Impacted Communities	Addressing Labor Shortages	■	■	■				■		■				
	Diversifying Your Workforce	■	■	■				■		■				
	Downsizing and Closing				■				■					
	Federal Programs and Government Incentives				■									
	Hiring Veterans, Military Spouses	■	■	■	■			■		■				
	Workforce Data								■					
	Find A One-Stop Career Center		■		■			■			■			■