Bio and Frequently Asked Questions

Where They Are, What’s Available, & How to Write a Federal Resume

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Dennis joined the Air Force in 1968 and spent over three years on active duty and an additional seven years with the Air National Guard. He was hired by the Department of Defense (DOD) after leaving active duty and transferred to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in 1975. He spent the remainder of his career with the FAA.

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Damp’s books are based on his many years in management where he was responsible for recruitment, outreach, retention and career development. His all-new 11th edition of The Book of U.S. Government Jobs presents an insider’s view of what it takes to go from job hunter to hired employee, and everything in between, to improve a job hunter’s chances of landing a high-paying government job.
Books by Dennis Damp:

Take Charge of Your Federal Career – 2nd edition
Post Office Jobs - 5th edition
Health Care Job Explosion - 4th edition
Dollars & Sense: Safe Investment Strategies for Small Investors

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How has hiring reform simplified the federal application process?
2. Why would someone want a federal job over a private sector job?
3. Are jobs available in all areas or mostly in Washington DC?
4. Why is the average salary + benefits of $123,049 much higher than the private sector’s $61,051?.
5. I understand that federal employee benefits are generous, is this true?
6. How about federal retirement, do they still receive a generous annuity when they leave?
7. How does one apply for a federal job?
8. I heard that the federal government will pay off federal employees student loans and offer other lucrative recruitment incentives, is this true?
9. How does the federal style resume differ from one in the private sector?
10. What are the keys to successfully finding federal employment?
11. How can someone determine if their occupation is available in federal government and who in government is hiring in their field?
12. Is it true that you can work for as little as 5 years in federal government and carry healthcare insurance coverage into retirement for life?
13. What special programs are offers to hire the handicapped, veterans, and others?
14. Tell us how an applicant can improve their employment chances?

Damp takes readers step-by-step through the federal system, presenting an insider's view of what it takes to go from job hunter to hired employee — and everything in between — to improve their chances of landing a high-paying government job. Anyone seeking gainful employment in a dynamic environment with endless opportunities should explore working for Uncle Sam.

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