

Career Corner

Smart Move: Tips On Relocating For A New Job

(NAPSA)—Increasingly, those looking for work are finding they may have to move to where their chances of finding a job are greater.

According to one study, 44 percent of those interviewed said they would be willing to relocate for a career opportunity this year.

Nearly one-third of employers participating in the same study said they are willing to pay to relocate an employee in 2012, especially for positions tied to technology and revenue generation. The study was conducted by CareerBuilder's job relocation site, CareerRelocate.com.

If you're thinking of moving to a new city or state, here are some tips to help you have a smooth transition to your new location.

Look For Places Where Your Skills Are In Demand

For example, you can run a simple keyword search and view a map detailing where the most and fewest jobs are for your line of work on CareerRelocate.com. You can also view actual job listings that offer relocation opportunities.

Plan Ahead

Learn what you would need to earn in order to maintain your current standard of living in another city. Your research should include factors such as housing, property values, schools, transportation, cost of living indexes, insurance premiums and social life.

The next step is to examine how you will move there. Will you drive to your new location, fly, have your things shipped or sell your things and buy new ones when you arrive? Also, it can be



A highly competitive job market is driving more workers to look beyond their own backyard for employment.

helpful to have an idea of where you will live before you get there.

Make sure to set aside enough to cover expenses, such as moving costs, initial housing costs and furniture.

Consider The Weather

Wherever you're headed, make sure to research the weather patterns in your new city or state to plan accordingly for clothing and getting about.

Don't Forget Your Social Life

As you research housing and moving expenses, don't forget to pay a little attention to your new social calendar. Research activities that reflect your interests: a book club, sports teams or whatever you're into. If you are moving with your family, make sure to line up some social activities for them as well.

Reach Out

If you have friends, family or colleagues who have relocated in the last few years, reach out to them for valuable insights for your own big change of address.

Visit www.CareerRelocate.com to learn more about moving to take a new job.