

# Public Sector Recruiting the Best and the Brightest

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## WHO MAKES UP THE CURRENT WORKFORCE? Let's find out!

#### **BORN BETWEEN 1980-2000**



WHO IS THE NEW WORKFORCE?

## **IMPORTANT CAREER GOALS**

A study by Universum found that Millennials placed importance on these career goals:

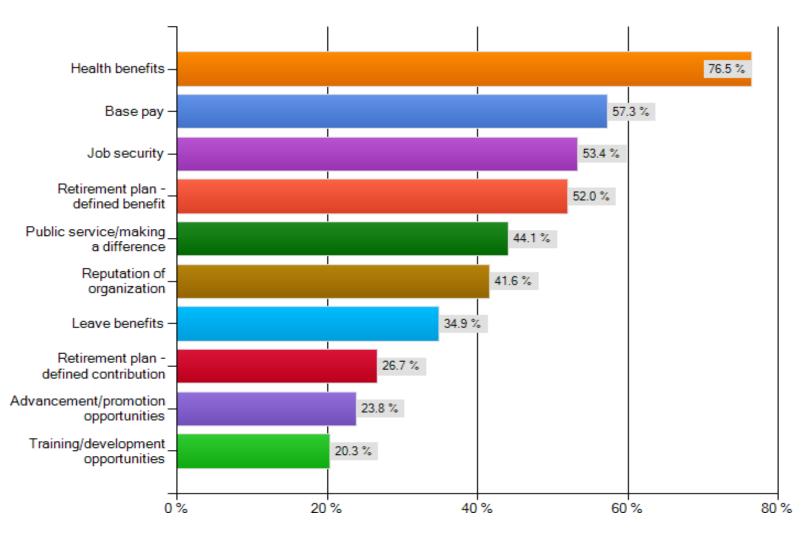
WORK & LIFE BALANCE

**JOB SECURITY** 

#### DEDICATED TO A CAUSE/FEEL THEY'RE SERVING A GREATER GOOD

## **IMPORTANT CAREER GOALS**

Please choose the most important factors in attracting qualified applicants to your organization. Choose all that apply.



## **Top Reasons to Stay** (% of Engaged Employees Stating Top Reason)

My work. I like the work I do	38%
My organization's mission. I believe in what we do.	19%
My career. I have opportunities to develop and advance	17%
I am comfortable – no desire for change	5%
Compensation	5%

Source: Employee Engagement Research Update, Blessing White Research, January 2013

## WHAT ATTRACTS CURRENT APPLICANTS TO JOBS

The study also indicated what they thought employers should emphasize in job descriptions:



## WHAT ATTRACTS THIS GROUP TO PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYMENT?

**PURSUIT OF PERSONAL INTERESTS** 

LOAN FORGIVENESS

**JOB SECURITY** 

BELIEF THAT GOVERNMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO ADDRESS SOCIETAL CHALLENGES

POTENTIAL TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT STRATEGIES

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** 

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

WHAT ATTRACTS THEM TO THE GOVT?

## WHAT TURNS THIS GROUP OFF ABOUT GOVT JOBS?

FURLOUGHS AND PAY FREEZES

COMPETING WITH OLDER GENERATION AND VETERANS FOR ENTRY-LEVEL JOBS

LENGTHY HIRING PROCESS

LACK OF FULL-TIME POSITIONS

LESS OPPORTUNITY FOR CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

**PAY-YOUR-DUES MENTALITY** 

## RECRUITING FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR HAS BECOME MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

## **HOW CAN WE APPEAL TO THIS GROUP ?**

## **VISIT COLLEGE CAMPUSES**



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GET GOVERNMENT LEADERS MORE INVOLVED IN RECRUITING

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CREATE STRONGER, MORE EFFECTIVE CAMPUS RECRUITING PROCESSES

TALK TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL SCIENCE, HEALTH AND BUSINESS MAJORS

## **ENSURE SUPERVISORS HAVE...**

#### MENTORING PROGRAMS

#### **OPEN-DOOR POLICY**

#### FREQUENT FEEDBACK WITH EMPLOYEES

#### PRAISE EMPLOYEES FOR QUALITY PERFORMANCE

## **FASTER HIRING PROCESS**

INCREASE COMMUNICATION THROUGHOUT THE HIRING PROCESS

#### **ONE-ON-ONE RECRUITMENT**

**OFFER MORE INTERNSHIPS** 

OFFER MORE ENTRY-LEVEL POSITIONS; FULL-TIME POSITIONS

ALLOW JOB SHADOWING/JOB ROTATION

## FOCUS ON GREATER GOOD

**AVOID NON-DESCRIPTIVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS** 

OFFER FLEXIBLE WORK SCHEDULES WHEN AVAILABLE FOR THE COVETED WORK AND LIFE BALANCE

**JOB SECURITY** 



EMPHASIZE THE MANY POSITIVES ABOUT GOVERNMENT SERVICE

EXPRESS HOW THEY WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE

PROVIDE THEM WITH EXAMPLES OF ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## **INCREASE OUR ONLINE PRESENCE**







## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

#### START WITH TARGET AUDIENCE

DEVELOP A MESSAGE & SUPPORTING DETAILS THAT TIE WHAT YOUR DEPARTMENT HAS TO OFFER TO WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THIS AUDIENCE

#### **KEEP THE MESSAGE CONSISTENT**

## **CAPTURING THEIR ATTENTION**

On your website

## START WITH THE END IN MIND

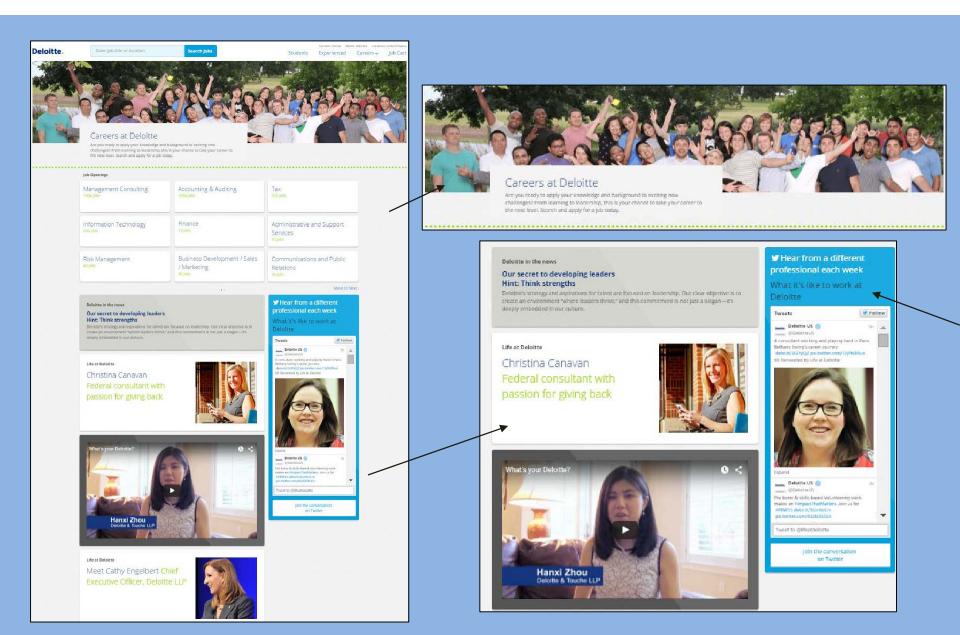
#### LEAD WITH YOUR STORY

## ADHERE TO CONTEMPORARY DESIGN STANDARDS

## **PRODUCE VARIED CONTENT TYPES**

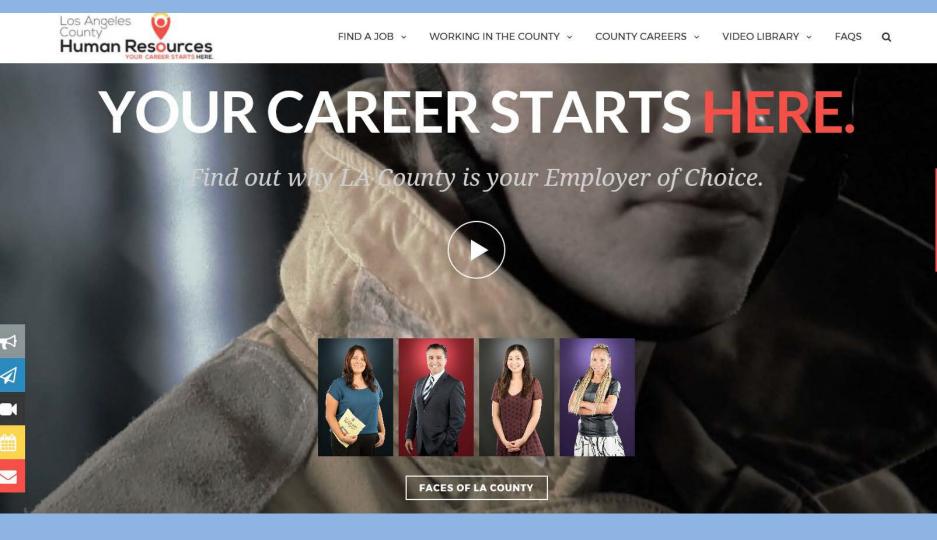
## **CAPTURING THEIR ATTENTION**

Personalizing your website...



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Putting a face to the Department...



## **SOCIALIZING THE STORY**

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#### SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

CONTENT DISTRIBUTION ON YOUR OWN CHANNELS

LEVERAGE PLATFORMS FOR OUTREACH

## **BRING THE STORY TO LIFE**

#### VOLUNTEERISM

#### **HIGHLIGHTING INNOVATIVE PROJECTS**

#### **CASE STUDIES ON SOCIAL IMPACT**

**EMPLOYEE TESTIMONALS** 

#### **EMPLOYEE PROFILES**

#### WHY WORK HERE?









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ATTRACTING A NEW WORKFORCE ISN'T A LUXURY, IT'S A NECESSITY!

> UNDERSTAND THE AUDIENCE MOTIVATIONS

PLAY TO THE STRENGTHS OF WORKING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

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RECRUITING A DIFFERENT AUDIENCE REQUIRES A DIFFERENT APPROACH



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