

SBE NEWS ALERT

The Federal Government Lost 40,000 More Employees Than It Gained Last Year

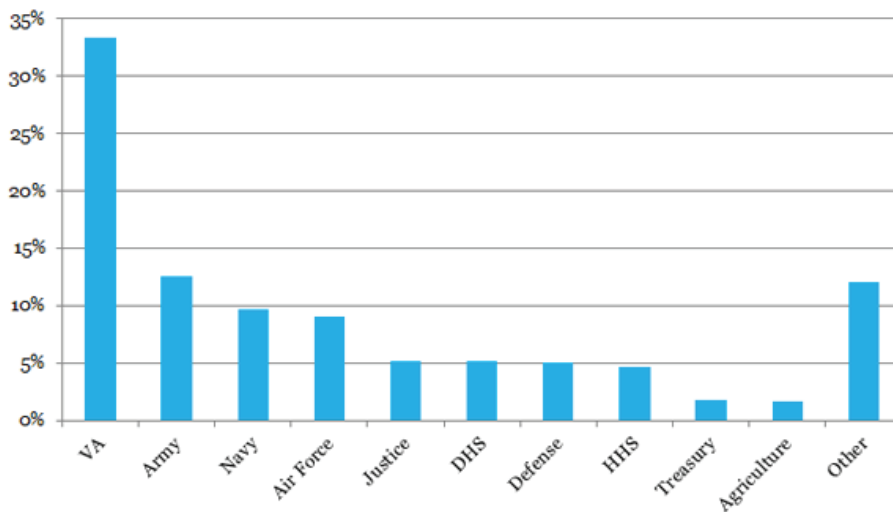
By Eric Katz, Staff Correspondent - Government Executive

Federal agencies hired nearly half the number of employees in fiscal 2013 as they did four years prior, and the gap between employees leaving and joining federal service continued to grow.

The federal government hired about 77,000 new employees in fiscal 2013, according to a Partnership for Public Service analysis of Office of Personnel Management data, a 14 percent drop off from the previous year. The number of separating employees, meanwhile, remained steady over the last two years at more than 115,000 annually. New hires represented 4.2 percent of the federal workforce last year.

An overwhelming majority of employees hired last year -- four out of every five -- were from defense and security-related agencies, PPS found. One-third of all new hires came from the Veterans Affairs Department, while 36 percent came from Defense Department agencies. Here is a full breakdown of hires by agency:

FY 2013 Hiring by Agency



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Data: OPM/PPS

Agencies saw a dramatic uptick in STEM (scientific, technology, engineering, mathematics and medical) jobs and veterans hiring. About 39 percent of new hires went to STEM positions, while 45 percent were veterans. Both figures were up 10 percent over the last five years.

Uncle Sam is hiring fewer young people, however. Just 24 percent of new hires were less than 30 years old, down from 2005 through 2009, when employees younger than 30 made up more than 30 percent of new hires.

"The federal government needs to develop a strategy to recruit and retain a greater percentage of younger workers to build a pipeline for the future," PPS wrote in its report.

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Could Ghosts or Ancient Hexes Be Stalling Construction on Homeland Security Headquarters?

By Brian Feldman

According to The Washington Post, the planned headquarters for the Homeland Security Department is 11 years behind schedule and \$1.5 billion over budget, and officials are increasingly considering just calling the whole project a mulligan.

Construction of the new facilities was formulated in the aftermath of 9/11 and the renovation of more than 50 buildings was planned.

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Bid Date: 7/16/14 9:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 09:00AM-11:00AM

SBDC Los Angeles, 12669 Encinitas Ave, Sylmar, CA,

David Finstrom, (310)821-1936

info@hutdogs.com

JULY 17, 2014

BUSINESS LICENSING, CORPORATIONS & LLC'S

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Hawthorne, CA

Bid Date: 7/17/14 3:00PM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 03:00PM-05:00PM

SBDC Los Angeles, 13430 Hawthorne Blvd, Hawthorne, CA,

90250, Martha Cisneros, (310)973-3177,

Fax (562)938-5030

JULY 18, 2014

POWER OF EMAIL MARKETING

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 7/18/14 9:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 09:00AM-12:00PM

SBDC Los Angeles, 3171 S Bundy Dr # 121, Los Angeles,

CA, 90066, (562)938-5020, Fax (562)938-5030

JULY 19, 2014

MASTERING QUICKBOOKS II

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 7/19/14 9:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 09:00AM-01:00PM

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HOW TO WRITE A BUSINESS PLAN

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Los Angeles, CA

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND MARKETING

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 7/22/14 6:30PM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 06:30PM-09:00PM

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ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR WRITING A BUSINESS

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Santa Clarita, CA

Bid Date: 7/22/14 8:30AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 08:30AM-11:30AM

SBDC Los Angeles, 26455 Rockwell Canyon Rd, Santa Clarita, CA, 91355, Yolanda Rubio,

(562)938-5020, Fax (562)938-5030

JULY 23, 2014

DIY: BUILDING YOUR BUSINESS' WEBSITE

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JULY 24, 2014

SMALL BUSINESS ORIENTATION

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Hawthorne, CA

Bid Date: 7/24/14 1:45PM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 01:45PM-02:45PM

SBDC Los Angeles, 13430 Hawthorne Blvd, Hawthorne, CA,

90250, Martha C, (310)973-3177, Fax (562)938-5030

THE BASICS OF STARTING A BUSINESS

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Hawthorne, CA

Bid Date: 7/24/14 3:00PM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 03:00PM-05:00PM

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90250, Martha Cisneros, (310)973-3177,

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IMPORT WORKSHOP

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Location: Hawthorne, CA

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NEW CLIENT ORIENTATION

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Location: Santa Clarita, CA

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Duration: 04:00PM-05:00PM

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ESSENTIAL STEPS FOR WRITING A BUSINESS

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Location: Lancaster, CA

Bid Date: 7/25/14 10:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 10:00AM-12:00PM

SBDC Los Angeles, 44055 N Sierra Hwy, Lancaster, CA,

93534, Yolanda Rubio, (661)362-5900,

Fax (562)938-5030

QUICKBOOKS BOOT CAMP

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Santa Clarita, CA

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Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 10:00AM-04:30PM

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JULY 29, 2014

GUIDED BUSINESS PLAN

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Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 7/29/14 10:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 10:00AM-02:30PM

SBDC Los Angeles, 3255 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA,

90010, Pacific Coast Regional, (866)301-9989

AVOIDING, PREPARING

1st reported in SBE: 7/03/14

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Bid Date: 7/29/14 7:00AM

Description last reported in SBE: 07/03/14

Duration: 07:00PM-09:30PM

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GROWTH CAPITAL CONFERENCE

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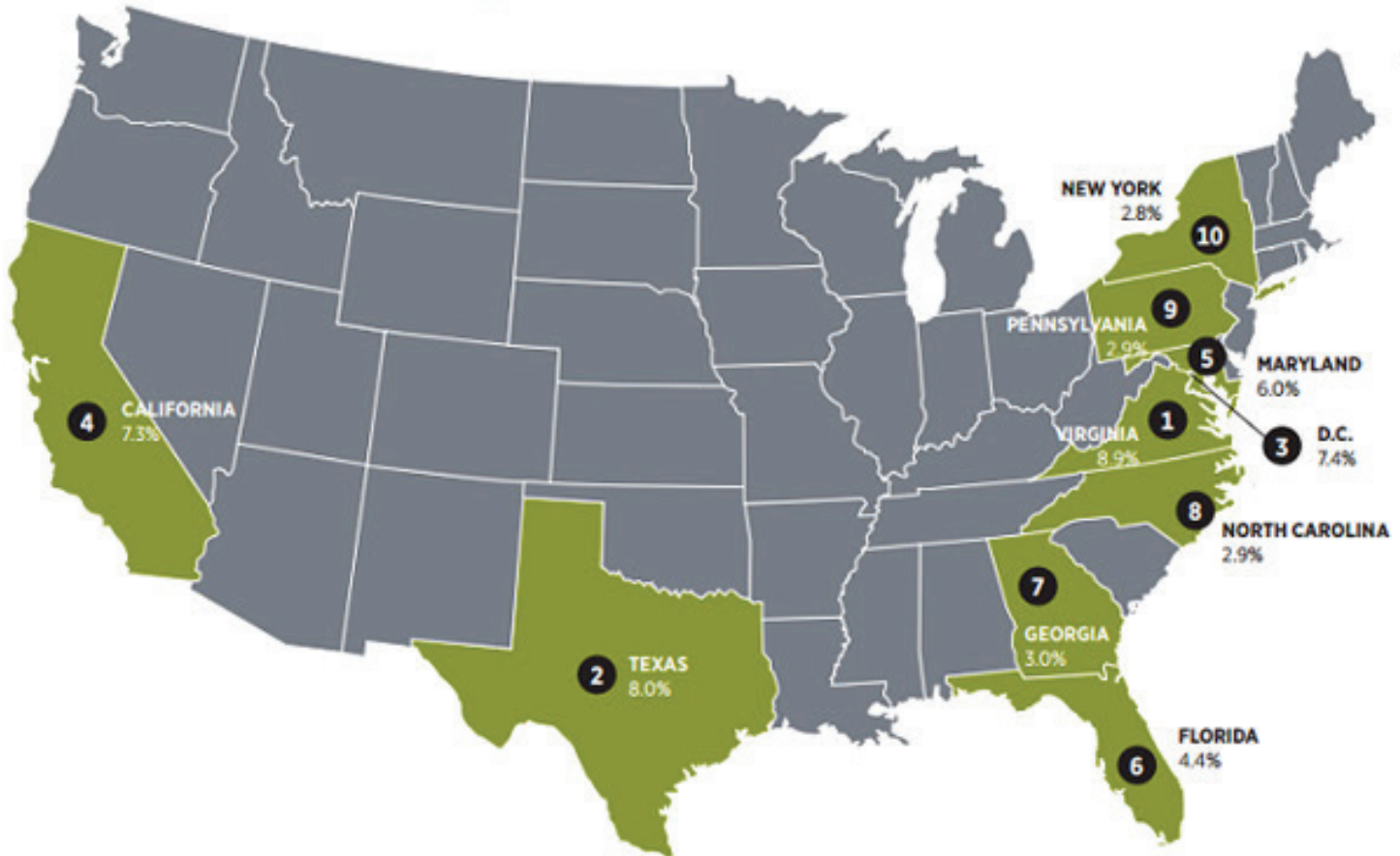
SBDC Los Angeles, 11301 W Olypic Blvd, Los Angeles, CA,

90064, (562)938-5020, Fax (562)938-5030

The Federal Government Lost 40,000 More Employees Than It Gained Last Year

A majority of new hires were in nine states and Washington, D.C. The top hirers were Virginia, Texas and D.C. This map shows the full breakdown:

Top 10 Locations for New Hires



Map credit: Partnership for Public Service

Could Ghosts or Ancient Hexes Be Stalling Construction

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Instead, with the exception of a Coast Guard building that opened last year, the grounds remain entirely undeveloped, with the occasional deer grazing amid the vacant Gothic Revival-style structures. The budget has ballooned to \$4.5 billion, with completion pushed back to 2026.

Lack of funding is a key reason for the perpetual stall in the project. A spokesperson for the General Services Administration told the Post, "GSA and DHS haven't received the appropriations that this project needs to keep it on its original schedule. Construction is a commodity market, and costs increase with delays."

In addition to financial woes, there is also the history of St. Elizabeths, the psychiatric

hospital grounds on which the renovations are planned. Consider:

Almost from the beginning, assassins and would-be assassins were confined at St. Elizabeths. The man who tried to shoot President Andrew Jackson, the man who did shoot President Theodore Roosevelt and, of course, the man who grievously wounded President Ronald Reagan all ended up there.

Could some sort of ancient evil buried directly below the site, coursing through the earth's crust, be affecting construction?

Source: <http://www.govexec.com>

Image to the right:

An old picture of St. Elizabeths Hospital, which was supposed to be converted into the headquarters of the Department of Homeland Security. Wikimedia Commons

