

Get The Job You Want, Even When No One's Hiring

Your Job Search Survival Toolkit

Stepping Stone Strategy

- Describe your current career situation as succinctly as possible; the “good and the bad.”

- Describe the way you would *ideally* like it to be. Be as specific as possible in identifying your primary career “desires.”

- What are you doing in your work that you want to continue doing? With whom? How much?

- Does anyone else you know now have the kind of work situation you envision? If so, describe it in detail. What steps did this person take to get there?

- What is necessary for your future (goals) regarding money, time and quality of life – in one year?
Five years? Ten years?

- What are you *not* doing professionally that you would like to be doing?

- What *unique* qualities or characteristics do you bring to your career?

- In your work, what skills and abilities are *not* being properly utilized or fully expressed?

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- What predictable blocks (organizational, personal, emotional, financial, etc.) might prevent you from reaching your goals?

- What might you lose or leave behind if you were to make a significant career change, for a better situation? (Personal, practical, emotional, financial, status, etc.)

- Do you know what your career goal or objective is (short-term and long-term)? If so, have you written it down?

- What is the primary motivator/driver in your career? Has this been consistent, or has it changed?

- How will you know when you are on the right track? When you've "arrived?"