

CareerBuilder.com Powers New Career Site for Microsoft Certified Professionals

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CareerBuilder.com, the largest job network online with more than 16 million unique visitors and over 400,000 jobs, announced it was selected to power the new Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) Career Center for the U.S. at <http://www.microsoft.com/learning/mcp/career/default.asp>. The center enables the one million MCPs in the U.S. to market themselves to thousands of potential employers and companies to quickly target the nation's top IT professionals for their business needs.

The MCP credential is for individuals who have the skills to successfully implement a Microsoft product or technology as part of a business solution in an organization. Certifications range from desktop support technicians, systems engineers and trainers to database administrators, application developers, solution developers and more.

The relationship between CareerBuilder.com and Microsoft enables these experts to look for new career opportunities in an environment that is tailored to their interests. The site features a custom "Job Search by Keyword" functionality with MCP terms and an IT-specific job search engine with over 20,000 IT jobs from the CareerBuilder.com database. Microsoft Certified Partners looking to hire MCPs receive discounts on job postings.

"Microsoft and CareerBuilder.com have combined our national resources to create a one-stop career hub for a specialized, in-demand audience," said Matt Ferguson, President and COO of CareerBuilder.com. "Working together, we are delivering customized online job search and recruitment tools to help MCPs -- and the companies who need their expertise -- to connect more efficiently."

"CareerBuilder.com powers MSN Careers and was the natural choice for our MCP Career Center," said Dan Traux, director of Business and Product Strategy for Microsoft Learning at Microsoft Corp. "This collaboration makes it easier for IT professionals and companies to find relevant information about technical careers. It is designed to support Microsoft's certified experts with information for their current jobs, help them explore new career opportunities and connect them with their peers in the greater MCP community."

The new MCP Career Center gives job seekers the choice to search by industry, location and job type, and provides online career assessments, coaching for interviews and tips for salary negotiations. Job seekers can indicate their work preferences, experience and training and have matching jobs automatically emailed to them. For employers, the site offers easy job postings, a large resume database of qualified candidates and information on how Microsoft certifications can help their company.

About CareerBuilder.com

CareerBuilder.com is a leading online source for maximizing recruitment dollars and optimizing job searches with superior products, customer service and technology. With a unique combination of national, local and niche audiences, CareerBuilder.com makes it easy for recruiters to reach the most qualified candidates with industry-leading market research data and support. Job seekers can search for the right job from more than 400,000 continuously updated postings, representing more than 25,000 of the top employers in virtually every industry, field and location. Together with Gannett Co., Inc., Tribune Company, and Knight Ridder, Inc., CareerBuilder.com includes the Web's top newspaper sites -- the most trusted employment sources in recruiting. For more information about CareerBuilder.com products and services, call 888-670-TEAM or visit <http://www.careerbuilder.com/>.

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