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CSI's Core Values

- ✓ Foster innovation and creative thinking.
- ✓ Honor and embrace our diversity.
- ✓ Encourage personal and professional growth.
- ✓ Make knowledge-based decisions.
- ✓ Strive for cooperative solutions.
- ✓ Promote stewardship of the environment.
- ✓ Promote and recognize individual and team excellence.
- ✓ Celebrate camaraderie.
- ✓ Keep promises, and trust others will do the same.
- ✓ Value the needs of those we serve.



President's Message

"The early bird catches the worm"
-William Camden



LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB? DON'T WAIT FOR THE MARKET TO IMPROVE

If you're like many people, you've included "Get a Job" among your New Year's resolutions. However, since the state of the economy and the construction market is tight, most will tend to hold off looking until they either have to due to layoffs, or until they see an improvement in the economy. Is this the best strategy?

Let's think it through... If you're employed, you enjoy a perceived edge over your unemployed competition. You've heard the saying, "It's easier to find a job if you have a job". That's largely true, although finding the time to look while being employed can be a challenge. So here are your choices. Wait until the market improves and all the other job hunters embark on their search, or start now when your competition is largely made up of the unemployed. I'd prefer my odds when competing against mostly the unemployed, wouldn't you?

Network with colleagues who have similar skill sets. If you're not sure what you want to do, interview people to get a realistic "day in the life" glimpse into what they do for a living. Share your passions with people who share common interests or activities and with those you meet through connections with your friends. Just posting a blog on Facebook is not serious networking...sorry. If you want to find a gig, you have to put yourself out there and meet people face to face. Commit to seeking out those who can mentor you, who can exchange similar ideas, and who can be trusted to give you constructive advice. Being motivated and driven will help you to be the first to hear about new jobs and new opportunities.

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Convince me

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC

"I'm still waiting for someone to show how social networking is going to help business."

We've all heard countless times about the amazing technological changes of the twentieth century, going from horse-drawn buggies to a car in every garage and landing on the moon, from telegraph to cell phones, from dirt roads to superhighways, from fresh food to frozen, and so on. Many of those changes resulted in improvements in business or in our standard of living, and are so much an accepted part of our lives that we take them for granted.

Today we are witnesses to the birth and tremendous growth of social networking, and sensational claims about its future. What is that future? [Click here to read more »](#)



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