







# Addressing Problems and Implementing Solutions in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility

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## Veteran Hiring

**Eric Eversole**Hiring Our Heroes, President

## HOH Insights: Moving Left of Transition



#### **Eric Eversole**

President, Hiring Our Heroes

HIRING OUR HERCES

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

## A Couple of Numbers

2.4%

1.9%

381



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Unemployment Rate for Veterans
August 2022

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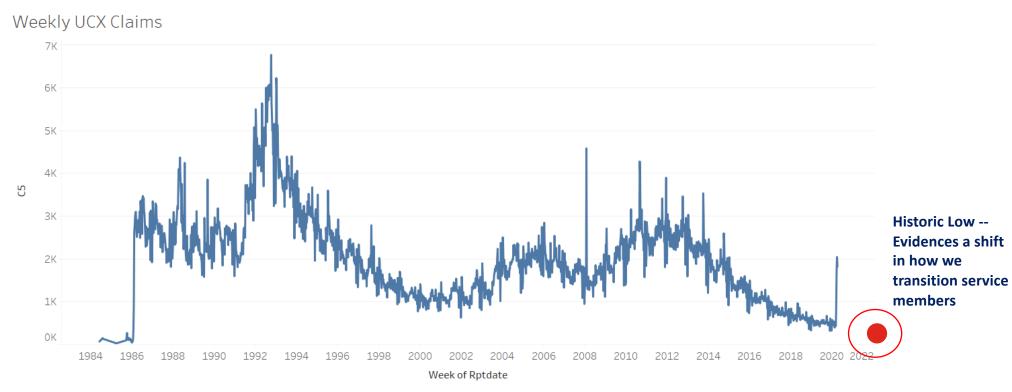
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381

Newly Discharged Veteran UCX Claims August 20, 2022



## New Veteran UCX Claims (Historical)



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## **Understanding Shift**

- 1. Investment by DOD and Federal Agencies
- 2. Collective effort by Private Sector—unprecedented pathways to careers
- 3. Growth of SkillBridge

## HOH Fellows Program: 2022

**Participant Data** 

2,302

**AD Participants** 

20%

Gender (Women)

44

Service phoers of Color

**Background Data** 

**45** 

Seres in the Army

54%

**Commissioned Officer** 

47%

TS or TS/SCI Clearance

**Impact** 

85

Offer Rate

\$115

Average Salary

## More Insights: Survey

Time to First Job

Reason for Taking Job

Ease of Transition

**HOH Fellows** 

65%

Less than 1 Month

30
Great job/great pay
40%
Easy/Very Easy

Non-Fellows

**39** 

Less than 1 Month

25

VS.

Not perfect/good first step

24

Easy/Very Easy

### **Next Steps**

- 1. Participate in SkillBridge
- 2. Meet SMs where they are—i.e., on
  - base
- 3. Invest in your reputation







## How to Create New Tech Talent in the Federal Space

Vince Virga Silkworm

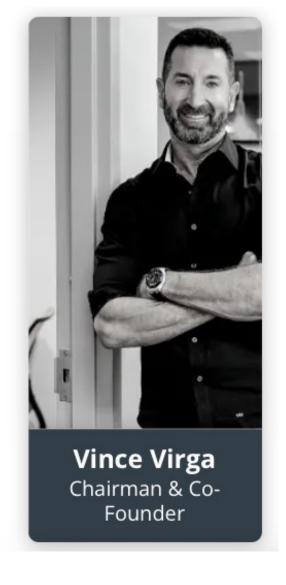






- SkillStorm Founded in 2002
- Launched SGIS Govt. Contracting Subsidiary in 2004
  - IT & Intel Services Focus
  - 0-1000 Employees in < 7 Years (100% Organic Growth)</li>
  - 85% Classified Contracts / 60% Prime Contracts
  - Clients: Military, Intel Community, DHS, Federal Law Enforcement
  - Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest Growing Private Govt. Contractor by Washington
     Technology Magazine
  - Divested of SGIS in 2010 (Acquired & Became Salient/CRTG)







## **NOT Your Typical EDTech Company**

SkillStorm is the leading Tech Workforce Development provider in the United States, trusted by top organizations globally to upskill their workforce. We create and deploy tech talent custom-trained to meet the needs of the rapidly evolving tech industry.

- Founded in 2002
- Hold a Top-Secret Facility Clearance
- 10K+ Tech Consultants Placed
- **3K+** Tech Consultants Upskilled Since 2019
- Certificate Courses Credentialed by Leading Universities





#### **PURPOSE**

## Accelerate Opportunity

As the global leader in launching and accelerating tech careers, SkillStorm enables Stormers and the clients we support to go further, faster; exceeding their goals and realizing their aspirations.

- College Graduates & Veterans
- **Customers & Partners**
- Fellow Stormers



#### **Talent Supply Problem**

Multiple forces contributing to the lack of supply of quality tech talent:

- Aging workforce
- Rapid pace of changing technologies, tools and platforms
- Agile environment
- Supply of work visas
- Work from home

University programs and enrollment do not align with employer needs:

4 million

College graduates last year in the U.S.

65k

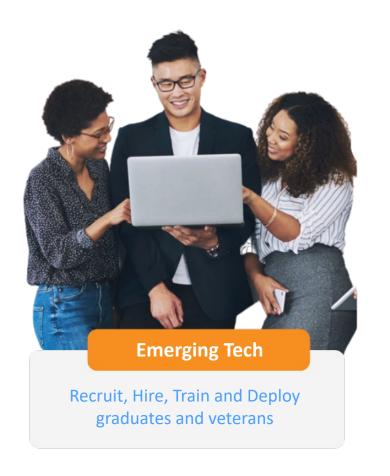
Graduated with CIS related degrees

100k+

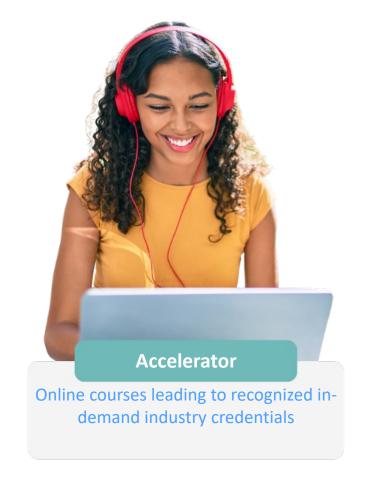
unfilled jobs in the tech industry



#### **Workforce Development & Technology Talent Platform**











#### **Preparing Veterans to Continue Their Federal Service**



SkillStorm hires people with clearances and provides them the training and certifications



#### SKILLSTORM TEAMS

#### RECRUIT. CERTIFY. DEPLOY.

#### WHERE WE RECRUIT FROM

#### **CHANNELS**

- •120+ University Partnerships and Affiliates
- •18+ Veteran Associations
- •30+ Military bases
- Women in Technology
- •Industry Professionals

#### **CHARACTERISTICS**

- •90% Degrees in STEM
- •60% Veterans
- •50% with Secret Clearance or Above
- •100% Able to Achieve Public Trust



#### WHO WE RECRUIT FOR

#### **GOVERNMENT SYSTEM INTEGRATORS**

- Department of Justice
- Department of Defense
- •Department of Health & Human Services
- Department of Treasury
- Department of Labor
- State & Local

#### **CORPORATIONS AND SYSTEM INTEGRATORS**

- Financial Institutions
- Healthcare & Insurance
- Energy
- Manufacturing
- Communications
- •Retail





### TRAINING FEATURES

Authorized to work in U.S.

All U.S. Citizens

#### **Security Clearances**

Hold specific clearances based on client needs

#### **Education and Experience**

All candidates go through a detailed screening process to assess soft skills, aptitude and ability.

#### **Customized Training & Certifications**

Trained to client's specific needs and industry certified

#### **Two+ Year Commitment**

Each NexGen candidate is committed for a minimum of 2 years and Apprentice for a minimum of 3 years.



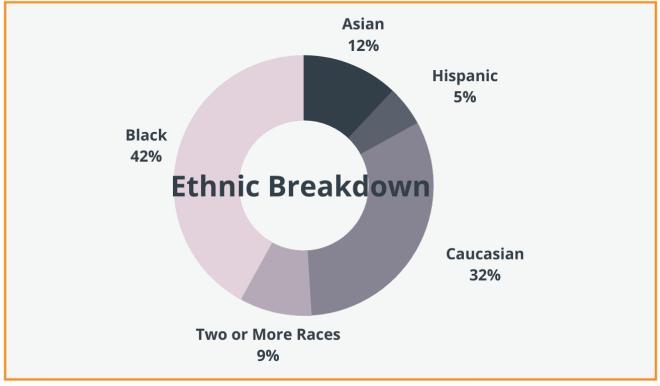


#### INCLUSIVE & DIVERSE TECH TEAMS











## TECHNOLOGY CAPABILITES

DEVELOPMENT			IT	DEVSECOPS		DATA		PLATFORM		
Front-end  Angular React JavaScript HTML CSS iOS	Middle-tier  Java Spring Spring Boot Hibernate Spring Data JDBC	SQL MySQL Oracle PostgreSQL MongoDB DynamoDB	Capabilities  Help Desk Linux Cyber Security Splunk Crowdstrike SOAR DLP NDR WAF Kali Linux	Tools  Maven Jenkins CI/CD SonarQube Selenium Cucumber JMeter Protractor TestNG Postman	Cloud  Ansible Chef Puppet Terraform Docker Kubernetes	Python Spark Hadoop Pandas Matplotlib NumPy Seaborn Tensorflow Spark NLP	Big Data  Databricks  Kafka  HDFS  Hive  HBase  Pig  Sqoop  Airflow  Avro	servicenow	PEGA Microsoft*	Appian  Power Apps
Swift Android Kotlin	REST Express NodeJS Jest Jasmine	CosmosDB Redis Memcached Redshift						CLOUD  Microsoft Azure		







#### **Accelerator Program**

#### **Upskilling 1M+ Aspiring Tech Professionals**

SkillStorm has partnered with leading universities and colleges to provide online instructor-led courses for in-demand technologies that lead to recognized industry credentials and high-growth career opportunities.

#### **SkillStorm is Authorized Training Partners for:**











#### **University Partners**



















#### **Certification Courses**

#### 100% Online, Instructor-Led Courses

SkillStorm partners with preeminent universities to provide online instructor-led courses leading to recognized industry credentials in today's most in demand technologies.

#### 1. Salesforce Certification Courses



Administrator Certification Developer I Certification

#### 2. AWS Certification Courses



Cloud Practitioner Certification
Solutions Architect Associate Certification

#### 3. Pega Certification Courses



**Systems Architect Certification** 

Senior Systems Architect Certification Robotics System Architect Certification Business Architect Certification

#### 4. CompTIA Certification Courses



CompTIA A+ Certification
CompTIA Network + Certification
CompTIA Security+ Certification

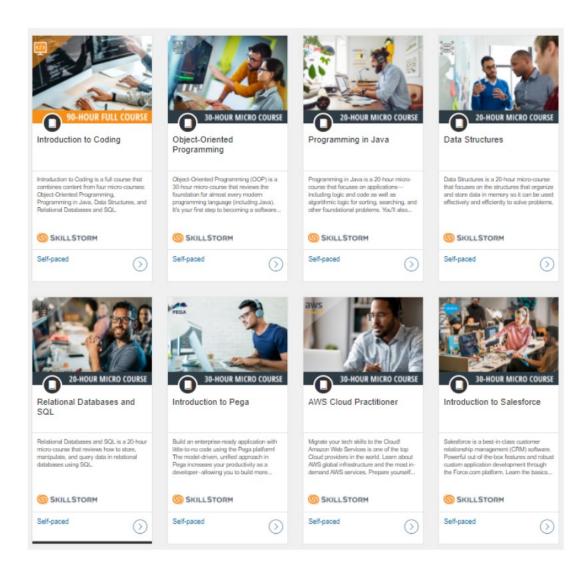


#### **STORMSURGE**

## WORLD-CLASS ONLINE PATHWAYS TO HIGH-VALUE TECH CAREERS

Accessible and inclusive online micro-courses provide pathways to high-value technology careers at no cost.

- StormSurge has helped launch thousands of tech careers.
- Leading employers rely on StormSurge to upskill their tech teams.
- Free courses led by world-class trainers to get you ready for real-world experience.





#### **Example of SkillStorm's Trainers**



**Patrick Walsh** *EVP* – *Training & Technology* 























**Valerie Braun** Trainer





Trainer





































#### **Certification Courses**

#### **Pega Certification Courses**



**System Architect:** This **8-week** course teaches core principles of application development in the Pega platform.



**Business Architect:** This **8-week** course teaches the essential skills needed for analyzing, designing, and creating business requirements and specifications in the Pega application.



**Senior System Architect:** This **8-week** course teaches advanced principles of application development in the Pega platform.



**Robotics Architect:** This 8-week course teaches the basic functionality, process flow, terminology, and core building blocks of Pega Robot Studio.

#### **Salesforce Certification Course**



Administrator: This 8-week course teaches the foundation of Salesforce and the key features and functionality of the platform through a guided, instructor-led approach.

#### **AWS Certification Courses**



**Cloud Practitioner:** This **4-week** course teaches individuals how to demonstrate critical knowledge related to implementing cloud initiatives.



Solutions Architect Associate: This 8-week course teaches the fundamentals of building an IT infrastructure on AWS and optimizing the use of the AWS Cloud by understanding how its services fit into Cloud-based business solutions.

#### **CompTIA Courses**



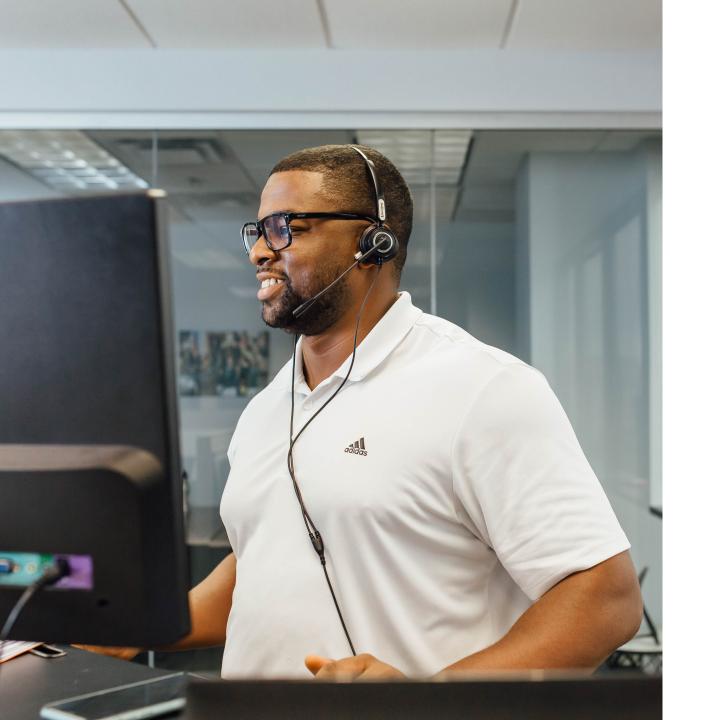
**CompTIA A+:** This **4-week** course teaches core knowledge in networking, security, IoT technology, cloud-based storage, hardware and more.



**CompTIA Network+:** This **4-week** course teaches professional-level understanding of the latest best practices and foundational networking tools and technologies, including network architecture, high availability, wireless standards and technologies



**CompTIA Security+:** This **4-week** course teaches core knowledge required of cybersecurity professionals, and best practices for preventing and addressing the latest attacks, threats, and vulnerabilities.



#### **Course Highlights**



#### **Project-based learning:**

Weekly exams, technical interviews, technical presentations and enterprise-level projects.



#### Live lecture:

Instructor-led training sessions 3 days a week



#### Office hours:

Offered 1 hour, 2 Days a week



#### **Certification exam fee included:**

Voucher for certification exam included



#### **Certificate of Completion**

Received from prestigious university upon completing course









CompTIA.

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**AWS Cloud Practitioner -**October 3

Oct 3, 2022 - Oct 28, 2022

\$540 Enroll Now





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aws

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**PEGA** 





**Accelerating Opportunity** 





#### 1. Purpose of Partnership

1

**Create new talent** 

Create net new cleared talent through our hire, train, deploy business

2

**Upskill talent** 

Upskill existing federal talent in the most indemand enterprise level technology Access newly created talent through clearancejobs.com

And

**Upskill existing talent through clearancejobs.com** 



## QUESTIONS?

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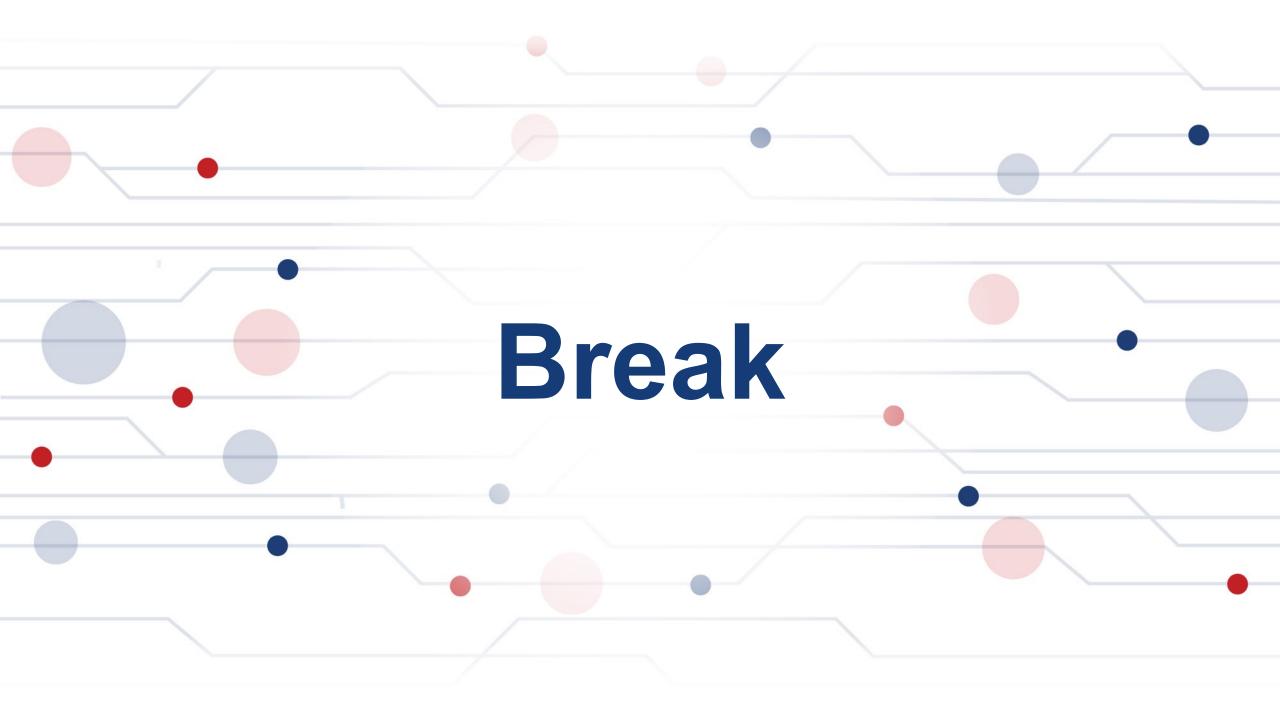


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