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Springs is hot spot for clearance jobs

Colorado Springs ranks as the nation's 14th-best location for those with security clearance to find a job, according to a recent study by ClearanceJobs.com.

The Des Moines, Iowa-based company cited the large number of military bases as well as defense and aerospace contractors operating here.

Springs-area defense workers regularly report wages well above the national average for security-cleared candidates, the site said. Those salaries averaged \$69,834 in the site's March survey.

McLean-Arlington, Va., captured the top ranking in the study, joining nine other Virginia cities among the top 20 locations. Aurora was the only other Colorado city listed, ranking 12th.