

The Home Depot to Hire 80,000 Associates for Busy Spring Season

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ATLANTA — The Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, has begun filling more than 80,000 seasonal positions to assist customers during the company's busiest selling season. As both the company's busiest hiring and selling period, spring serves as The Home Depot's annual peak season, similar to the Christmas selling season for many retailers. This year, The Home Depot is hiring ten thousand more spring associates than it did last year to support anticipated sales growth in the spring.

"Spring is always a special season for us, when we can offer employment opportunities for literally tens of thousands of Americans," said Tim Crow, executive vice president—Human Resources. "We find some of our best associates during our peak season, and many of them have built long, meaningful careers with us."

Job opportunities range from part-time to full-time and are available on a market-by-market basis based on individual store needs and geographical variance in climate. Job seekers can begin applying online now at <http://www.careers.homedepot.com/>.

For those returning military and veterans who are interested in a position, The Home Depot recently launched its Online Military Skills Translator, a new tool designed to help translate and match an applicant's unique military skills with positions that might offer the best fit. The Home Depot has also partnered with military focused career fairs and will be participating in events throughout 2013. Both the skills translator and 2013 events calendar can be found at www.careers.homedepot.com/military.

Technical school and college students, as well as retirees, are encouraged to apply.

The Home Depot will also usher in the season with door-buster prices on some of the most popular, innovative spring products from exclusive and national brands in lawn and garden, outdoor power, cleaning, grills and outdoor living.

About The Home Depot

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,253 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands,

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Guam, 10 Canadian provinces and Mexico. In fiscal 2011, The Home Depot had sales of \$70.4 billion and earnings of \$3.9 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.