THE MOTOR CITY COMEBACK



CITY OF DETROIT CASE STUDY

RECRUITMENT DIVISION

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HISTORY

City of Detroit files for Chapter 9 bankruptcy

July 18, 2013

Largest city by population in US History.

After a two month trail, Judge Steven W. Rhodes confirms the city plan of adjustment on November 7, 2014 paving the way to exit bankruptcy.

Imagine the flight of workers and impact on an organization...

EXITING BANKRUPTCY

January 2, 2016

Status Que was not working

Drastic Changes had to be made

A Few Staff Members & Myself

Supported all City Departments Except for Police/Water

7000 Employees

SWEEPING CHANGES

Over the next five years...

Built a team of Talent Acquisition Specialists
Professional Recruiters & Support
Implemented Metrics – Time to Fill
Track number of Computer Based Tests & Interviews Guides
Civil Service Rule changes for flexibility
Behavior based interviews vs. written exams
Automation of testing

Mind Set

Recruitment to Talent Acquisition

Post & Pray to seeking the Best in Industry

Nation Wide Searches

Grass Roots Objectives to help Detroiters

Best in Class

Bench Marked other Municipalities
Pew Charitable Trust
Updated "Civil Service Rules" for Flexibility

Introduced Technology

Computer Based Testing
Robust Social Media Program (Digital Presence)
Secured Job Posting Sites

Data Driven Decisions

Time to Fill Reasons

Applicants Coming From – Create Sourcing

Remote Testing

Strategy

Once Stop Shops -Detroit Department of Transportation

Recruitment Fairs – Ours / Theirs

One Page Advertisements (Marketing Tool)

Recruitment Plans

Culture Change from Me to Us

Documentation / Documentation

Created Community Partnerships

Hundreds of Churches, Not-for-Profit Organizations, Fraternity/Sorority, Colleges & Universities and State & Local Agencies

Investment in the Future

Apprenticeship Programs / Internships
Hiring Detroiters / Veterans / Returning Citizens
Equity Councils & Ambassadors

COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION

Team & Teamwork

Strategy Driven – Not Task Orientated

Flexibility & Innovation

SUCCESSES

Five Years Later...

Over 7,000 Vacancies Filled

Ability to fill 2000 Vacancies per Year – Staff of 14
1,500 Seasonal Workers
1000 Bus Drivers
500 Fire Fighters
400 Emergency Medical Technicians

100% Remote Civil Service Testing

Paper & Pencil – Computer Based – Web based - Remote Ability to test unlimited number of candidates from home Modern Computer Lab as needed

THANK YOU



QUESTIONS

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