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The secret of change is to focus ALL of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on **building** the new.

Socrates

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You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take.

Wayne Gretsky

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Question #1: What is your organization's biggest talent challenge?

- 1. Recruiting or Retention
- 2. Employee engagement
- 3. Compensation Structure
- 4. Staff Development or Career Progression
- 5. Succession Planning



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Talent Challenges in the Public Sector

A Government Perspective

Government agencies are in the midst of an economic and social transformation



Changing political landscapes



Federal/state funding cuts



Competition to recruit, pay and retain top talent



The need for stronger employee engagement



A focus on flexibility and workforce development

State and local governments

\$100 BI

lose up to

annually due to disengaged workers¹

70%

of State and local government employees are not engaged at work⁵



25% of graduating college students rank government as one of the 3 top industries in which they would want to work, yet a much smaller percentage decide to actually launch a career in the public sector.

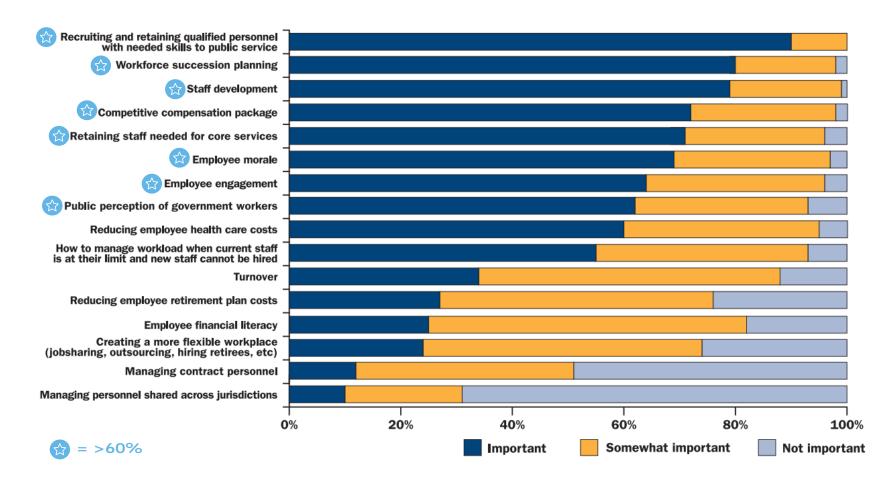
More graduates of the top 15

public affairs schools now choose to enter nonprofit or private sector than government jobs.

Federal scores for satisfaction and commitment are stagnant, hovering just under 60% over the past five years and consistently lagging the private sector.

Top Talent Issues in Public Sector Organizations

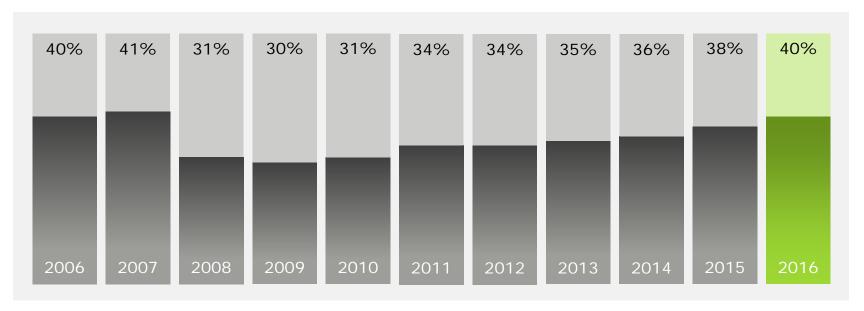
Recruiting and retaining the right talent with the right skills continues to be the top talent issue for public sector organizations



Source: Center for State and Local Government Excellence, IPMA

Organizations Facing the Highest Talent Shortage since 2007

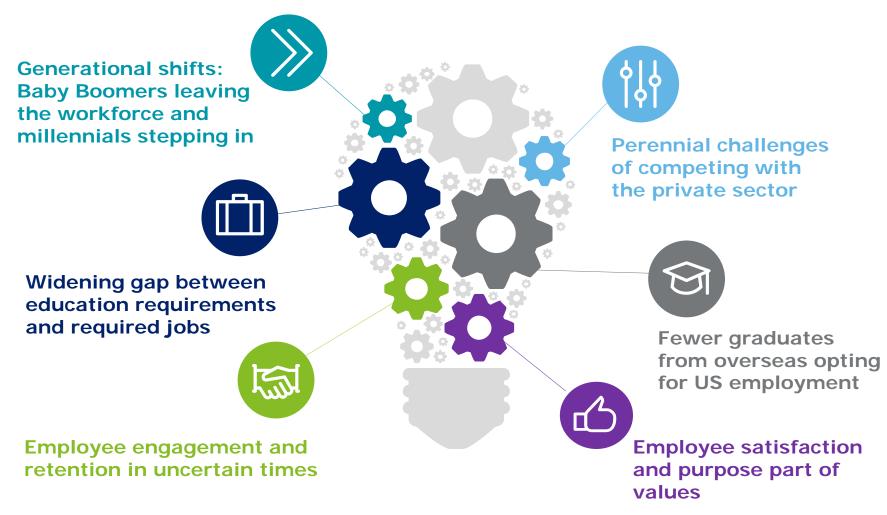
Globally, employers report the *highest talent shortage* since 2007. 40% of employers are having difficulty filling vacant positions



Source: Manpower Group Survey, 2016

Factors at Play in the Tightening Talent Landscape

There are six primary factors affecting the talent landscape as organizations address their talent needs



What are we hearing from our clients?

Our public sector clients are expressing difficulty in closing the talent gap and prioritizing competing talent needs

More than anything, they are looking for a healthy and nurturing workplace and organizational culture.

"Hiring managers are ignoring workforce needs for the long term."

Attracting candidates from families or cultures that do not have a tradition of public sector work may prove difficult.

Looming government workforce crisis is not even on the radar screen for too many state and local elected officials "Government agencies must **prioritize** talent management, make a compelling case for public sector employment, develop targeted recruiting strategies and streamline the hiring process."

"Public sector leaders can and should focus on developing qualified candidates of their own."

States and local authorities hard hit by budget pressures often lack the resources to offer attractive entry level positions

Understanding the New Working Generation: Millennials



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Who are Millennials?

Meet the current (and rapidly rising) leaders of our workforce

Millennial (noun)

Generation Y born 1980–1995 who will make up 75% of the workforce by 2025

In 2016,



41%

of employed millennials have 4 or more direct reports, despite only 44% having only 3-5 years of experience

63%

Of Millennials expect to leave their organization by the end of 2020



What do Millennials Value?

Millennials seek out **purpose driven** professional environments

Value Alignment

Millennials believe they can make a tangible impact through their work – **56%** ruled out ever working for a particular organization because of a value misalignment



Diversity & Inclusion

When defining diversity, millennials are **35%** more likely to focus on *unique experiences*, whereas 21% of non-millennials are more likely to focus on representation and equity of opportunity

Innovation & Technology

Having grown up surrounded by technology, Millennials seek *innovative* and *strategic* learning opportunities leveraging new technologies

Work/Life Balance

Millennials seek flexible work environments. Work/life balance was cited as a top 3 primary concern among millennials moving into leadership roles

Millennials are Transforming the Status Quo by Seeking Purpose in the Organizations they Serve

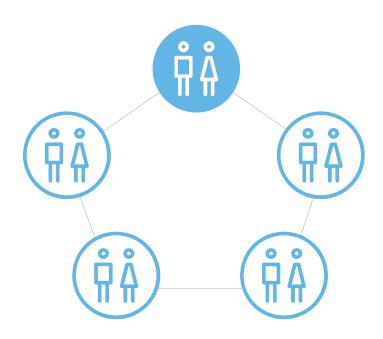
2 out of 3 millennials⁷

state their organization's purpose is a reason why they chose to work there



Only 1 out of 5 millennials⁷

in organizational cultures *without* perceived purposes are satisfied at work

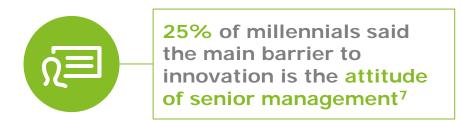


Purpose, in our context, is an overarching vision for positively contributing to society in a meaningful way

Millennials Value Learning Innovative Strategies

Half of millennials surveyed said that the current business cultures encourage employees to come up with better way of doing things.

Only 23 percent said their senior leadership team prioritized developing new and innovative products and services⁷





"I feel as though my opinions and innovative perspective is hushed, and frowned upon."

"There are certain requirements, while I understand why they are in place, they are not conducive to finding different avenues of bringing in new business."

How do Employers Attract and Retain Millennials?

Build a values-led culture that is flexible enough to meet a variety of working styles and needs



Focus on strategic instead of transactional relationships with Millennials.



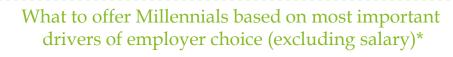
Validate purpose by hosting transparent conversations on how purpose drives business strategy.



Redefine leadership by breaking down formal, inflexible hierarchies and ensuring there is a twoway dialogue.



Evolve performance conversations to more frequently via on-demand assessment systems.





Work-life balance



Opportunities to progress/ be leaders



Flexibility i.e. remote working, flexible hours



Sense of meaning from the work

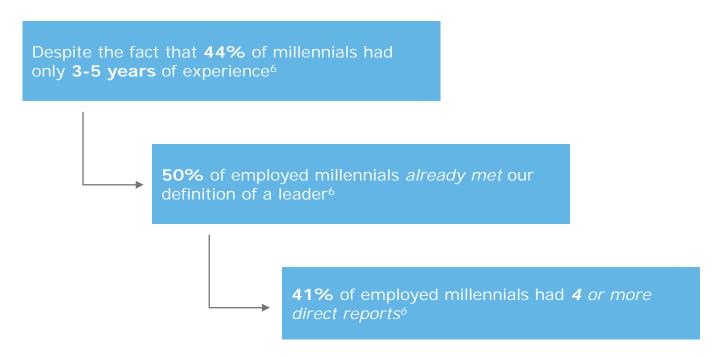


Professional development training programs

Percentage of shared importance

Millennials have moved into senior-level positions far quicker than anticipated

- Of current millennials who said they were leaders, only 36 percent responded that they felt ready when entering the role, and 30 percent still did not feel ready at the time of the survey⁶
- Only 38 percent of millennials in developed markets said they aspire to become the "leader or most senior executive within their current organization" and only half would like to "get to a senior position, but not number one"⁶



While at the same age, most baby boomers and Gen-Xers were still in junior-level positions⁶

Strategies for Addressing Talent Shortages

Outcomes of a Winning Employee Experience

Employee Experience impacts on the experience they create and sustain for their customers; and this, impacts organizational success





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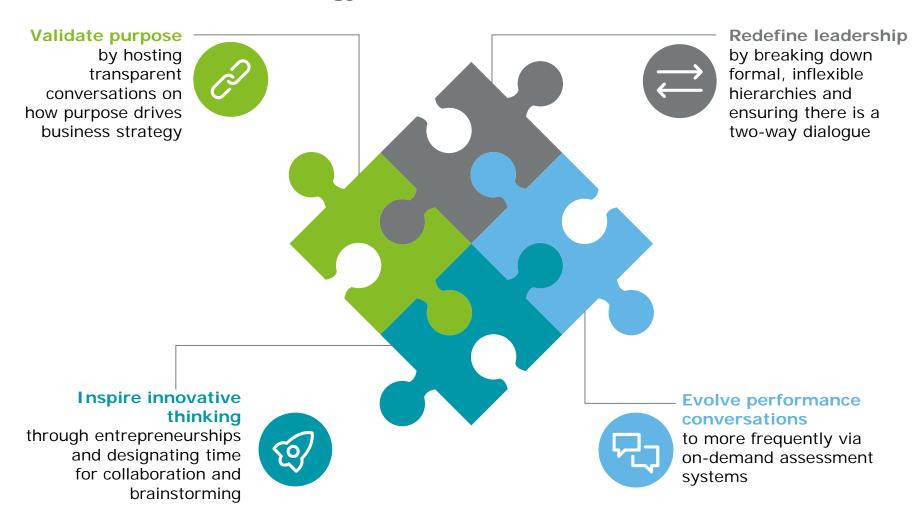
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Recruiting + Retention Paradigm Shift: Engagement

How organizations face talent gaps needs to change by increasing engagement for current – and future – employees as organizations redefine their talent strategy



Talent Strategy is Multi-Dimensional... and should be viewed Holistically across the organization

Planning and Strategy, Recruitment and Retention are three components of a successful Talent Strategy



Talent Strategy and Management Components (continued)

Planning and Strategy Recruitment Retention A 'high potential' program can Workforce **Employer Performance** Effective workforce An employer brand, should encourage top performers both branding and planning management encapsulate the total value planning will not only to improve their existing skills, attraction that employees gain from identify what talent gaps and be aware that the exist, it will also highlight their relationship with an organization regards them as critical areas of talent need 宀 employer valuable members of the team A common competency An organization cannot framework is needed to Competency Sourcing Career A career planning program complete in every talent can help improve retention management drive workforce planning, planning market so it becomes recruiting, performance and assist in overall critical to plan and use management, classification workforce planning and **↓**<u>=</u> scarce resources in the and compensation, and learning & development optimal way learning & development It is very important to Engagement can help **Engagement** Succession **Total rewards** develop a rewards strategy improve the productivity of planning Succession Planning should that emphasizes both the existing employees, initially be focused on tangible and the intangible potentially reducing the need critical positions and jobs to supplement the workforce benefits of working for the with additional hires organization **Onboarding** Learning and **Business** Ineffective business If the organization can L&D is the single most processes and development processes can impede an improve 'time to value,' it important element in filling orientation organization's ability to can save money through talent gaps from within the recruit in a timely manner accelerated productivity existing workforce

Underlying Talent Strategy and Management Components



Talent gaps can often be addressed by organizational design changes, like span of control, elimination of certain management levels, new structures, different reporting lines, revised governance and new roles and responsibilities

Organization



The public sector has been characterized as a having a hierarchical type of culture focused on internal stability and adherence to rules and procedures, rather than one of flexibility, innovation and openness

Culture



Advanced work arrangements can result in up to 63% reduction in absenteeism and up to 7% reduction in voluntary turnover rate - studies suggest up to 9% increase in employee engagement and up to 20% boost in productivity¹

Environment



Change

If changes in talent strategy and management are to be implemented in a smooth and untroubled fashion, it is essential that the County/City undertakes a rigorous change management regimen to accompany this transformation

1: www.bersin.com

Strengthening the Employee Experience

Elevate the employee experience with the Simply Irresistible® Org Model

- Meaningful Work
- Positive Environment
- Growth Opportunity
- Supportive Management
- Trust in Leadership
- Collaboration and Communications



the "front stage"

Consider how to Engage Employees throughout the Entire Lifecycle



Use Culture as the Foundation for the Employee Experience



Use Culture as the foundation to address the growing need for a holistic employee experience strategy, considering all factors contributing to worker satisfaction, engagement, wellness, and alignment.

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The Changing Workforce Landscape



Workplace of the Future





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What is Robotic Process Automation (RPA)?

RPA is delivered through software that can be configured to undertake rules-based (deterministic) tasks

RPA Basics

- Computer-coded software
- Programs that replace humans performing repetitive rules-based tasks
- Cross-functional and cross-application macros
- Can be implemented at the desktop or enterprise level

- Flexibility to quickly deploy robots directly onto existing machines or across the enterprise for shared tasks
- Capable of automating rules-based work without compromising the underlying IT infrastructure
- Operates in the User Interface layer

RPA Capabilities

- Open email and attachment
- Log into web/ enterprise applications
- Move files and folders
- Copy and pasting

- Fill in form
- Read and write to databases
- Scrap data from the web
- Connect to system APIs

- Make calculations
- Extracting structured data from documents
- Collecting social media statistics
- Follow "if/then" decisions/rules

Capabilities Requiring Additional Solutions

- Physically existing machines processing paper
- Machine learning
- Voice recognition and reply software

Workplace of the Future: Delivering Impact through Digital

Transforming in the digital era is characterized by creating value through four key areas. Not coincidentally, these are also areas where we can start the transformation conversation.



Connectivity



Digitization



Experience Innovation



Data Insights

Transform interactions and engagement models between internal and external stakeholders (customers, clients, employees, alliances, regulators) through digital services and channels to strengthen relationships

Value is created by exploiting points of inefficiencies.
Digitize processes, infrastructure and provide digital capabilities to remove impediments for digitized customer and employee experiences

Deliver digital innovations through products and services, campaigns and brand experiences, business model, monetization mechanisms, and value creating ecosystems

Organizations that rely on trust with customers and partners are challenged to provide access, better information and transparency. This creates a need to compete with data and insights for enhanced experiences. efficiencies, and to offer new products, and services

Key Takeaways

What does all of this mean for talent?

Establishing the right talent mix for the years ahead

Concrete Steps Prepare the next generation of managers Leverage existing knowledge before it now to take over when Boomers leave. walks out the door. Improve retention through employee Tap into part-time, contingent, consultant, engagement and culture. and intern talent pools. Confirm your recruitment process is nimble, Actively seek out minority and womeneffective, and addresses the Workplace of owned businesses. the Future. Build bridges to local colleges and state-Manage the image problem. owned universities. Speak to millennials about "giving back". Offer flexibility in your reward strategy.

Importance of Culture

Organizational landscapes are changing rapidly with culture becoming an increasing focus of employees

Leaders create organizational culture through understanding employee values

Culture is the leading driver of employment brand—*not* salary. This means that culture drives employees, not compensation

In 2014, the term 'culture'
was the #1 most
researched word in the
Merriam Webster Dictionary

Employee's value career development and learning

2x more than compensation and benefits

Culture and leadership are **3X** more important to employee brand in

today's market



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Three Key Lessons Learned about Talent Strategy and Management

It should be approached holistically

Talent strategy and management is multi-facetted, and all levers should be pulled to be effective

It is driven by workforce planning

Without workforce planning, an organization would not know which talent gaps require to be filled

It is not only HR's responsibility

Effective talent planning requires a coordinated effort between business units and HR, not a reliance on the HR function

Thank You!



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