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Things To Consider When Relocating For A Job

Approximately 7 million people move each year in pursuit of a job or job transfer.

If you are considering relocating for a job, here are some things to consider.

Learn what the cost of living is for that location. If the pay seems too good to be true, there's a good chance that it is. A new location may possess a substantially higher cost of living, which means a higher salary in that locale has less spending value than your current salary does.

No matter how stable and exciting a new offer looks, job security is never guaranteed and you'll still need a backup plan. Before deciding if a major relocation is right for you, explore the job market in that locale to make sure that your prospective employer isn't the only "game in town". Your best bet is a locale with plenty of other potential employers.

Also, if you've got a family, accepting a new job isn't all about you. Even the best relocation scenarios will cause stress for your partner and children. Research available housing, educational facilities, healthcare facilities, shopping venues, crime rates, climate, entertainment and recreational activities.

Another important consideration is your partner's career. You'll want to make sure that he or she will be able to find suitable work in the new location, and that average salaries there would make the move worthwhile for him or her as well.

For more information contact GST Michigan Works at 800-285-WORKS.