



## Ask the Telecommuting Expert

### QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q:

How can I find a legitimate telecommuting job? And how can I be sure that I'll like the work?

A:

It's important to be very careful and to consider a variety of issues when looking for a telecommuting job. In addition to carefully analyzing the job and screening carefully to scams, also be sure to consider the appropriateness of telework for your interests and skills. You need to determine that the opportunity is both a legitimate one, as well as what you need to do to be successful. When evaluating telework jobs offered on websites, remember these fundamental guidelines:

- ▶ if you have any suspicions or doubts, leave the site;
- ▶ if it sounds too good to be true, leave the site;
- ▶ if there's a big initial fee for products/services of questionable value, leave the site.
- ▶ ask for references or other employees you can contact;
- ▶ check telework job boards for information about the company.

There are many reputable sites and opportunities, so don't take unnecessary risks. And be sure to prepare yourself to be successful. For more information about finding a telework job and telecommuting successfully, check out these resources:

Webpage: [Looking for a Telecommuting Job?](#)

Resource Guide: [Telecommuting Scam Alert](#)

Book: [Work At Home: The Telework Job Seekers Handbook](#)

Self evaluation tool: [Telecommuter Assessment Profile](#)

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