With the bidding window set to open in a little less than a month, you may want to use the next few weeks narrowing down the field of 200 or so participating employers to those you would like to bid on. If you want to give yourself the best chance of getting the maximum number of interviews through the lottery (20), you should bid on about 35-40 firms. For most students, their initial cut is based primarily on their geographic and practice area interests. The resources in the numbered paragraphs below can help you with that winnowing process.

Grades are also a factor, but they are harder to give general advice about. We urge you, therefore, to make a phone or in-person appointment with one of the private sector counselors (password is cdoaccess) -- Shannon, Sarah, or me -- for individualized targeting advice.

Here are some suggested next steps:

1. Watch a 20 min. video that provides a tour of web resources, employer research tools, and tips for creating your EIW bid list.
2. Download the 2019 EIW-Schedules Sorted By Location spreadsheet from the b-Line Document Library. It is a snapshot of the employer schedules contained in b-Line (as of earlier this month), organized alphabetically by city. It includes employer name, interview date, and hiring contact information. You can copy the sections that match your geographic interests and use it as a basis for creating a bid list and saving your own employer research notes. If you are interested in Orange County or Silicon Valley, be sure to search for each city in those areas.

NOTE: b-Line -- which is updated in real time -- and not this static spreadsheet, is the definitive resource for determining which employers are participating in EIW.

3. Talk to some rising 3Ls who are working at the firms in which you are particularly interested. For this purpose, we created a spreadsheet, Rising 3L 2019 Summer Placements (also in the b-Line Document Library), with the names and emails of 3Ls who are open to speaking with you about their summer jobs.

Other reports in the Document Library include: Firms With Hospitality Suites, EIW and Resume Collect Employers Requesting Cover Letters, 2019 EIW-Bidding, Callback & Offer Data for 2018 EIW (useful for the next stage of your EIW prep, which is ranking your bids), and Employer Arbitration Survey Results. We expect to publish the Public Interest/Public Sector (PIPS) Employers Participating In On-Campus Interview Programs (either EIW or FIP) very soon and will let you know when we do. In the meantime, you can find last year’s version there.

And finally, do not forget the other useful information on our EIW/FIP homepage, including the 2019 EIW Guide, which contains all EIW procedures, rules, and policies in a downloadable, printable, indexed pdf format, as well as resources on the EIW/FIP Employer Research page.

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