Networking vs Cold Applications (vsdiff.com)

Criteria	Networking	Cold Applications
Definition	Building relationships through direct interaction.	Submittal of unsolicited job applications.
Effectiveness	Generally more effective as connections can lead to job opportunities.	Often less effective with lower response rates.
Speed of Response	Typically quicker due to personal interactions.	Can take weeks or longer without guaranteed follow-up.
Personalization	Highly personalized; allows for tailored conversations.	Less personalized; often perceived as generic.
Long-term Impact	Can lead to lasting career relationships.	Limited long-term relationships as connections are minimal.

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