Policy Advocate - Rhode Island

Job Posting

Posting Period: Dec. 4, 2017 through Jan. 19, 2018



Acadia Center, a non-profit, research and advocacy organization committed to advancing the clean energy future, is seeking a clean energy policy advocate to join its team working on climate and energy. Acadia Center works to develop a clean energy economy by offering real-world solutions to the climate crisis.

Position

The Rhode Island Policy Advocate will have a key role in Rhode Island and in regional forums in advancing Acadia Center's efforts to promote and implement energy and climate policy reforms. The position will focus on clean energy, utility and power grid policy reforms, energy efficiency, climate change solutions and sustainable transportation policies. The successful candidate will represent Acadia Center before public agencies in Rhode Island and across the region including public utility commissions, departments of energy resources, departments of environmental protection/management and others. In addition, the position will work with other Acadia Center staff to advance the organization's Rhode Island activities including in legislative proceedings and other state and regional policy forums; working with partner organizations and building coalitions; drafting public comments, educational documents; advancing state sustainable energy, transportation and climate goals; and strategic program planning. The position is based in Acadia Center's Providence, Rhode Island office.

The successful candidate will have at least three years of relevant experience and a demonstrated interest in energy and environmental issues. Ideally, the candidate will be familiar with energy policy and utility regulation. Strong analytical skills and a comfort level with data analysis/interpretation are important in our work. Candidates must demonstrate a facility with network-building, public speaking, advocacy, expository writing, and must be comfortable working cooperatively in a team structure while handling independent assignments. In addition, candidates should be able to work with diverse constituencies to advance policy goals in legislative, regulatory, and advisory settings and be able to assert the organization's goals in a professional and competent manner. Acadia Center strives to maintain a professional, collegial, and fun work environment.

Qualifications

- Excellent verbal and written communications skills, with the ability to present information concisely and effectively to critical decisionmakers and the public
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Demonstrated capacity to build effective alliances to advance shared goals
- Commitment and enthusiasm for sustainable energy and climate progress
- Ability to organize and prioritize multiple projects, and seek direction when needed
- Self-motivated with ability to work independently and with teams
- 3+ years' relevant work experience
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and Prezi familiarity helpful
- Juris Doctor degree and Rhode Island bar admission preferred but other advanced degrees will be given equal consideration

Hours and Compensation

This is a full-time, exempt, salaried position. This position is based in Providence, RI. Acadia Center compensation is highly competitive with peer non-profit groups and salary is commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and skill level. Benefits include health care, dental, retirement, and disability.

To Apply

To apply, please send a cover letter of interest, resume, and at least two professional references to admin@acadiacenter.org. Please insert **RI Advocate** in the subject line, and indicate where you saw the posting in the body of the email. Phone calls will not be accepted.

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