

Senior Energy Advocate



Acadia Center, a non-profit, research and advocacy organization committed to advancing the clean energy future, is seeking an Energy Policy Advocate to join its team working on energy system reform issues at the state and regional levels in New York and New England. Acadia Center is at the forefront of state and regional efforts to build clean, low carbon and consumer friendly economies.

Responsibilities and Qualifications. The Energy Policy Advocate will advance Acadia Center's programs to promote and implement clean energy policy reforms in the power grid, both at the state level (distribution systems) and regional levels (ISO-New England, NYISO) with related targeted engagement at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Acadia Center's Grid Modernization Initiative seeks to change the rules governing transmission and distribution system planning, investment and financing so that energy efficiency, renewable energy, and local distributed energy resources are given full and fair treatment in an evolving energy marketplace. Work activities include: representing Acadia Center at meetings, hearings and other forums; drafting public comments, educational documents or agency filings; working with partner organizations and coalition building; advancing state sustainable energy goals; and strategic program planning. A core part of Acadia Center's work is to conduct outreach to diverse audiences to build awareness and support and the Senior Energy Advocate will be at the center of these efforts.

The successful candidate will have an interest in energy and environmental issues and ideally be familiar with utility regulation and energy policy. Strong analytical skills and a comfort level with data analysis/interpretation are important in our work. Candidates should have an interest in and facility with public speaking, expository writing, and advocacy, and be comfortable working cooperatively in a team structure while handling independent assignments. Candidates should be able to work with diverse constituencies to advance policy goals in legislative, regulatory, and advisory settings and advance the organization's goals in a professional and competent manner. Experience in sustainable energy is preferred. A J.D. or master's degree in a relevant field is expected, but consideration will be given to exceptional candidates without advanced degrees who evidence a strong interest in sustainable environmental and economic policies.

Qualifications

- Excellent verbal and written communications skills, with the ability to present information concisely and effectively
- Ability to organize and prioritize multiple projects, and to ask for direction when needed
- Self-motivated with ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- 5+ years' experience in relevant work experience
- Commitment and enthusiasm for sustainable energy and climate progress
- JD or Master's degree preferred but relevant experience will be equally considered
- Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel and PowerPoint) and Prezi familiarity helpful

Hours and Compensation

This position is intended as full time but could be structured as part-time or flex-time. The position is based in an Acadia Center office in Providence, RI; Hartford, CT; Boston, MA; or potentially the greater Albany, NY or New York City areas but other arrangements can be discussed. Acadia Center compensation is highly competitive with peer non-profit groups and salary is commensurate with the selected candidate's experience and skill level. To apply, please send a cover letter of interest, resume and at least two professional references to admin@acadiacenter.org and please insert **Senior Energy Advocate - [Your Last Name]** in the subject line. Phone calls will not be accepted.

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