

Energy Policy Research Associate

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Our expectations for the staff member are to independently develop an understanding of key issues and advocate for strategies to achieve significant increases in energy efficiency. Solid writing, public speaking, analytic and computer skills are necessary; experience with state agencies, decision-makers, media, and non-profit advocacy desired. Position will be based in Tennessee, Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, or Washington, DC, with a preference for North Carolina. Applicants should email resume and letter of application to apply@cleanenergy.org (no calls please).

Detailed Job Description

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy is seeking an outcome-oriented analyst and advocate to focus on energy efficiency and related issues in the Southeast. The responsibilities of the position will include research into the key issues related to achieving a significant increase in energy efficiency, and may also engage on renewable energy, and other strategies to reduce global warming pollution from the energy sector. A key area of interest is energy recycling, including combined heat & power, waste heat recovery, and other related technologies. As a strategy to address these issues is developed, the position will also require advocacy for policy change through coalitions or legal action, as appropriate to the circumstances.

The full-time position will be based in Tennessee, the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, or Washington, DC, with a preference for North Carolina. Candidates should explain willingness to relocate or geographic constraints in the application. Funding for this position is guaranteed for two years with possibility of extension.

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The Energy Policy Research Associate will be responsible for conducting independent projects, assisting a core research team with projects, and coordinating work by consultants and colleagues from other allied organizations to achieve the overall goals of the position. Attendance at committee, commission, work group and other public involvement opportunities will be an essential part of the position. These opportunities will involve dialogue with individuals and organizations that are opposed to some or all of our positions, and the analyst will be expected to present a compelling case to support our position while developing an understanding of differing perspectives so that they may be persuaded to adopt a more helpful position on the issues.

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Qualifications

- Education: Bachelor's degree required, advanced degree in a relevant field of study is desirable
- Demonstrated skills in a professional setting must include writing, public speaking, analysis and a wide range of computer software. These skills need not be demonstrated in an area of energy policy, but must be adequate to allow the analyst to perform duties without further training or daily support in these areas.
- Familiarity with and a record of advocacy work on clean air, global warming or energy policy issues is helpful.
- Experience working with government agencies, decision-makers, or advocates is helpful.
- Experience working in a management or senior technical position for a utility or a large energy user is helpful.
- Ability to work and thrive in adversarial conditions.
- Ability to work well under pressure and with rapidly changing and emerging issues and priorities.
- Ability to work both independently and in collaborative environments.
- Willingness to travel throughout the region.
- A commitment to the mission and goals of the organization.

Salary and Benefits

Salary range is mid to high-forties, commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits package optional. The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy is an equal opportunity employer and considers candidates for employment without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, marital status, or sexual orientation. We encourage applications from women and persons of diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds. References are required and a background check may be performed.

To apply, email a resume and a cover letter describing your interest, qualifications and experience to: apply@cleanenergy.org **Attention: Energy Policy Research Associate.**