



New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

****This position may be eligible for telework up to two days per week****

POSTING NO.: 26-2024

EXISTING VACANCIES: One (1)

TITLE: Research Scientist 1

OPENING DATE: April 8, 2024

SALARY: \$90,643.87 – \$129,354.76

CLOSING DATE: April 19, 2024

WORKWEEK: 35 hours (NL)

DIVISION/LOCATION: Division of
Clean Energy – Offshore Wind

At the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (“Board” or “BPU”), you will be part of a highly effective and collaborative team working to ensure that safe, adequate, and proper utility services are provided to all members of the public who desire such services.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Under the supervision of the Director of the Division of Clean Energy or other supervisory position, the Research Scientist 1 position will play a key role in supporting the Offshore Wind team by assisting with the design, implementation, and administration of data-driven policies and programs to support New Jersey’s ambitious Offshore Wind goals. This will involve working on initiatives that leverage research to inform policy decisions. The RS1 position will also serve as a key liaison between the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and other State agencies and stakeholders on initiatives that further support the State’s goals.

WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

- Work with staff at the Board, other New Jersey state agencies, stakeholders and consultants to develop and implement the state’s offshore wind policy.
- Act as the Board’s main point of contact with the NJ DEP on all matters related to research, monitoring of marine and coastal resources during offshore wind development, construction, operation, and decommissioning.
- Work with staff at the Board, the NJ EDA, the NJ DEP, and the WIND Institute for NJ’s participation in the National Offshore Wind Research and Development Consortium (NOWRDC). Act as the BPU representative on the NOWRDC Research and Development Committee.
- Manage the contract between the Board and the Rutgers University Center for Ocean Observing Leadership.

- Lead or participate in stakeholder proceedings, develop or participate in the development of straw proposals and white papers and conduct meetings designed to review and continuously improve implementation of BPU clean energy policies and programs.
- Work with the Board's legal counsel to develop recommendations for the Board's amendment and adoption of rules resulting from stakeholder proceedings or in response to statutory changes related to clean energy.
- Provide science-based analyses, advice and consultation to all BPU divisions as directed by the Division Director.
- Represent the Board at conferences, symposia, and other professional meetings.
- Support all BPU clean energy initiatives as directed by the Division Director.
- Under the direction of the Deputy Director, interact with commissioners, legal staff, and representatives of other state agencies, utility representatives, market participants, and other stakeholders on clean energy matters.
- Lead and contribute to meetings with staff and stakeholders on an ad hoc basis.
- Manage Staff on the Offshore Wind team as needed to accomplish the work objectives.

REQUIREMENTS

EDUCATION: Graduation from an accredited college or university with a Master's degree in a discipline appropriate to the position.

EXPERIENCE: Four (4) years of full-time experience in a field appropriate to the position.

NOTE: A Doctorate in a discipline appropriate to the position may be substituted for two (2) years of experience indicated above.

RESUME NOTE: Eligibility determinations will be based upon information presented in resume and proof of degree submitted. Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency.

OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING: Open to New Jersey residents.

RESIDENCY LAW: Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), also known as the "New Jersey First Act," which became effective September 1, 2011, all persons newly hired by the Executive Branch on or after that date shall have one year from the date of employment to establish, and then maintain principal residence in the State of New Jersey.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship and

Immigration Services Regulations. The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for citizenships or Visas to the United States.

SAME APPLICANTS: If you are applying under the NJ “SAME” program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. [The SAME program allows candidates, who identify as having a significant disability, to apply for non-competitive and unclassified positions through a fast track hiring process. For more information about the SAME program and the Fast Track Hiring program, please click here if you have any questions, please email, or call the contact as indicated on the job vacancy announcement.](#)

HOW TO APPLY: Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest, resume, writing sample, a copy of the college transcript indicating the date the degree was conferred (required), the State of New Jersey Employment Application and the Personal Relationships Disclosure Form ([Click Here](#)). Please make sure to include the posting number in the subject line via email. All documents must be submitted by the closing date shown above to the following:

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