



THE VOTE SOLAR INITIATIVE

POSITION OPENING:

DIRECTOR OF UTILITY-SCALE SOLAR POLICY

The Vote Solar Initiative is seeking a Director of Utility-Scale Solar Policy.

Vote Solar is a small non-profit organization dedicated to bringing solar energy into the mainstream. We do this by implementing—through a combination of regulatory work and grassroots advocacy—the key pro-solar policies necessary to build robust solar markets and bring the solar industry to scale.

Utility-scale solar—that is, building big solar plants in the desert, generating wholesale solar power—is an underutilized resource that has the capability of delivering enormous amounts of emission-free electricity at costs below new coal generation. While the technology is gametime, the regulatory infrastructure to make this market work is not. Vote Solar is developing a new initiative to address the key issues necessary to make the market work—utility resource requirements, transmission, land access, and tax issues—and then implement them in CA, NV, AZ, and NM.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Working with industry, local advocates, and other stakeholders, develop blueprints for the policy needs for utility-scale solar in CA, NV, AZ, and NM.
- Share the blueprint with all the key policymakers in target states, organize collaborative campaigns in support.
- Intervene in all relevant regulatory proceedings to implement the policies necessary to utility-scale solar market development.
- Support campaigns through earned media and op-eds. Work with Vote Solar's Director of Communications to develop and implement outreach strategies in support of policy goals.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Deep experience in energy policy, especially in the western states. Knowledge of utility operations, including resource planning and transmission especially helpful.
- Ability to work collaboratively with a wide variety of stakeholders.
- Excellent quantitative skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to work independently, manage many tasks simultaneously and prioritize well.

POSITION DETAILS

This position will be based at Vote Solar's San Francisco office (although accommodations may be considered). Salary commensurate with experience and training. Excellent benefits. Start date in fall/winter of 2007.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send letter of interest, with resume and writing samples, to adam@votesolar.org.