



# THE VOTE SOLAR INITIATIVE

## POSITION OPENING: SOLAR ADVOCATE

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The Vote Solar Initiative is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing solar energy into the mainstream.

Vote Solar is seeking a Solar Advocate to develop and implement campaigns for pro-solar policies, primarily at the state level, through regulatory and legislative means.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

The Solar Advocate will develop and carryout campaigns to implement critical pro-solar policy changes in key states. These include financial support (public goods funds, solar carve-outs in renewable portfolio standards, tax credits), interconnection standards, net metering policies, and fair rate design. For assigned states, the Advocate will develop collaborative relationships with local advocates, research the policy changes needed for a successful solar market, and design campaigns to make them happen. Campaigns may involve intervening in proceedings before regulatory commissions, developing programs with utilities, or legislation. The Advocate will carry out research to assess solar energy policies and potential; prepare written materials for broad dissemination to policymakers, the media, and the general public; assist in drafting testimony and formal briefs in regulatory proceedings; assist attorneys in regulatory proceedings; and organize grassroots support.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants should have a Bachelor's or Master's degree, knowledge of the field, and three years of relevant work experience on energy issues. Demonstrated dedication to the promotion of clean, renewable sources of electricity generation is a must. Organizing, campaigning, and leadership skills important.

### REQUIRED SKILLS

Strong quantitative, analytical, and research skills; proficiency with computer spreadsheet and word processing software; ability to write well for scientific and general audiences; ability develop Vote Solar's strategy for regulatory proceedings; ability to write and present formal briefs and testimony; familiarity with economics and public policy; excellent public speaking skills; ability to organize and implement grassroots campaigns; ability to inspire consensus and work collaboratively.

### PREFERRED SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

Detailed understanding of solar energy technologies; electric industry operations, regulations, and legal framework; and electricity modeling techniques. Prior experience with advocacy before legislatures, government agencies and regulatory commissions helpful. Knowledge of energy-related environmental issues strongly preferred.

#### 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 summer/fall of 2007.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

Please send indications of interest, with resume and writing sample, to [adam@votesolar.org](mailto:adam@votesolar.org). Deadline: July 20, 2007