



Now Hiring: Director of Government Affairs

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[RENEW Wisconsin](#) (RENEW) is Wisconsin's leading not-for-profit renewable energy education and advocacy organization. We strive to remain non-partisan, focusing on the issues impacting renewable energy. We work closely with renewable energy industry members, other trade associations, the legislature, non-profits, utilities, and government agencies to lead and accelerate the transformation of Wisconsin's clean energy future through advocacy, education, and collaboration. Our vision is to have clean, renewable energy powering a strong, healthy, and vibrant Wisconsin.

RENEW supports all forms of renewable energy, such as solar, wind, renewable natural gas (RNG), local hydropower, geothermal energy, beneficial electrification, electric vehicles, and other emerging clean energy and energy conservation technologies.

Position Overview

As Director of Government Affairs, you will lead RENEW's public policy development and advocacy efforts in the State of Wisconsin. In coordination with the Board of Directors and Executive Director, you will be responsible for developing policy goals and the strategies to achieve them. You will be the lead person for communication and engagement with public officials and key stakeholders. Your primary focus will be on state-level policies developed by legislators and administration officials. However, you will also occasionally engage with federal and local legislative bodies and government agencies as needed.

Responsibilities

- Closely monitor and report on developing legislative or administrative policies or initiatives.
- Develop strong relationships with state, federal, and local government officials, state agencies, and relevant legislative and agency staff
- Build strong relationships with industry leaders, community leaders, and other stakeholders.
- Build industry coalitions in support of policy priorities.
- Directly lobby public officials and staff to support pro-renewable energy policies.
- Provide expert testimony to legislative committees.
- Attend and present information at public meetings and events.
- Communicate with the media on renewable energy policy and news.
- Coordinate renewable energy-related project tours with public officials and stakeholders.
- Manage all political fundraising, reporting, and related activities.
- Prepare and submit all required lobbying reports.
- Prepare regular reports and briefings for the Board of Directors and members.

Desired Skills and Experience

- Extensive policy development and advocacy experience in Wisconsin.
- Lobbying or relevant experience (e.g., state legislative or executive branch staff member).
- Ability to build strong relationships and work closely with leaders and key members of both parties of the legislature, the administration, and other government leaders.
- Able to build relationships with various trade associations, not-for-profit organizations, and other stakeholders in the state.
- Experience with energy industry issues (utility, trade org, ISO, agency, etc.).
- Working knowledge of clean, renewable energy technologies and transmission
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, comfortable in public speaking roles.
- Ability to work both independently and within a team context.
- Willingness to travel for events and meetings.

RENEW Believes in Diversity

The perspectives and experiences that people from different backgrounds bring an organization drive better decisions and improved results. RENEW is an equal opportunity employer, and our staff is inclusive and welcoming of colleagues of all backgrounds, genders, races, sexual orientations, religions, and abilities.

Compensation And Benefits

Competitive Salary based on experience. (\$90,000 - \$100,000).

Eligible for health insurance, 401(k), and paid time off.

Application Period

To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter explaining your qualifications and why you are the best candidate for this position and a resume to Sam Dunaiski, Executive Director, sam@renewwisconsin.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.