



AMERICA'S UNIONS

**POLICY SPECIALIST – ENERGY AND CLIMATE
ADVOCACY
WASHINGTON, D.C. [HEADQUARTERS]**

OVERVIEW OF RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Policy Specialist for the Labor Energy Partnership (LEP) is responsible for leading the development of LEP policy positions on energy and climate issues, working with LEP partner Energy Future Initiative to coordinate affiliate participation and input in policy development, developing strategies for achieving policy outcomes, involving affiliated unions fully in those strategies, representing the federation and the labor movement in a variety of forums, and organizing support among other organizations for LEP-developed policies. The person in this position is also responsible for conducting research and analysis on matters related to energy and climate policy, energy employment, the clean energy sector, trade in clean energy goods, and U.S. manufacturing of energy goods.

This is a temporary one (1) year appointment.

DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

- Take primary responsibility for co-development of LEP policy papers with experts from Energy Future Initiative, including ensuring extensive affiliate consultation and review and coordination of policy workshops.
- Represent the federation in briefings, meetings, and public forums in support of energy and climate policy issues. Prepare written supporting materials needed for policy campaigns and other energy and climate policy matters.
- Represent the Labor Energy Partnership, the AFL-CIO and the labor movement on energy and climate policy issues in a variety of forums, including among national and international unions, advocacy groups and other coalitions, policy think tanks, universities, the media, civil society bodies and international forums.
- Organize support for labor's climate and energy policy goals by building strong and ongoing relationships with relevant organizations, including traditional allies, employers and their trade organizations, and general public policy groups.
- Convene and manage workgroups and task forces of affiliate unions and other involved parties.
- Support AFL-CIO climate and energy work with civil society and labor organizations, both domestically and internationally. Ensure that AFL-CIO and Labor Energy Partnership views are reflected in joint declarations and policy statements.
- Research and write informational materials, including reports and issue briefs, testimony, resolutions, popular articles, talking points, and other educational and advocacy materials for distribution to the labor movement, the media, and the general public.
- Advise and provide technical support to AFL-CIO officers, senior staff and other departments, affiliate unions and other labor organizations and allied organizations regarding LEP policy proposals and positions.
- Monitor, analyze and prepare detailed written impact assessments of federal and state legislative and executive branch policy proposals with respect to government procurement and clean energy deployment.

- Provide policy analysis and support for AFL-CIO Labor Energy Partnership, in coordination with other departments and hubs.
- Prepare assessments and recommendations regarding international financial institution (IFI) and export credit agency (ECA) funding and policies, including impact of IFI and ECA policies and conditionalities on economic development and the U.S. labor market.
- Develop a program to monitor, analyze and assess the impact of federal support for clean energy research and development on unions, domestic employment, and U.S. competitiveness in the clean energy sector.
- Analyze and assess trade patterns, especially with regard to trade in energy, clean energy goods and advanced vehicles. Includes analysis of implications of specific WTO (or other trade dispute) decisions for U.S. laws and regulations, as well as likely impact on workers in the energy sector.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:

- Bachelor's or advanced degree in economics, political science, management, or fields related to energy and climate; relevant work experience.
- Labor experience in an energy or manufacturing union preferred but not required.
- At least seven years of versatile and progressively responsible experience in climate or energy policy and workplace areas described above.
- Demonstrated ability to communicate complex technical concepts to a variety of audiences, including excellent writing, representational, and public communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to design, conduct and/or oversee independent energy and climate research and writing projects. Excellent writing and editing skills, proficiency in secondary research, ability to prepare graphs and charts. Excel and PowerPoint required.
- Experience in public speaking, including demonstrated ability to interact flexibly and appropriately in a politically sensitive environment. Demonstrated ability to field media calls on sensitive political and technical issues.
- Demonstrated effectiveness working in politically sensitive and high-pressure environments.
- Demonstrated ability to write and implement strategic plans and programs to further federation policy objectives.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare clear, timely and thorough analyses of complex policy issues.
- Demonstrated ability to evaluate, prepare written assessments of and/or develop federal and state legislative, regulatory and other policy proposals and related supporting materials.
- Demonstrated ability to build teams and work effectively in a team environment, in both a lead and support role.
- Strong interpersonal and problem-solving skills.
- Ability to work extended or irregular hours as needed.

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