



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Energy Transition Specialist, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority

The New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) is seeking qualified candidates for the position of RETA Energy Transition Specialist. RETA is a quasi-governmental entity located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. It was created to assist with developing electric transmission and storage, with an emphasis on renewable energy development. RETA works with private-sector development partners to plan, finance, build and operate new electric transmission lines and storage facilities that draw at least 30 percent of their energy from renewable sources. It may provide revenue bonding authority to finance projects, which could involve owning or leasing the facilities, and charge participating entities fees to service the bond debt and recover administrative costs.

The RETA Energy Transition Specialist position is a full-time appointment and is to be RETA's expert on the New Mexico Energy Transition Act [NMSA 1978, 62-18]. A compensation package will be negotiated with the Authority. The RETA offices and Energy Transition Specialist position are located in Santa Fe, NM.

Duties:

The RETA Energy Transition Specialist, reporting to the RETA Executive Director and 7-member New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (the Authority), will work with the RETA Executive Director and Authority to establish, plan, promote, and implement effective infrastructure planning for New Mexico electric transmission and storage facility projects. The principal duties of the Energy Transition Specialist include:

- Serve as the full-time Energy Transition Specialist for RETA, including providing assistance to the RETA Executive Director in managing all aspects of the RETA implementation, development, and expansion
- Assist RETA Executive Director with interpretation, evaluation, and reporting of the NM Energy Transition Act and Renewable Portfolio Standards to support the development of needed transmission infrastructure for distributing in-state NM-generated renewable power
- Assist RETA Executive Director with representing the interests of RETA in appropriate regional transmission planning processes, including those recognized under FERC Order 890
- Assist RETA Executive Director in working with independent power producers interested in siting renewable power generation facilities in NM to ensure needed transmission infrastructure is developed in a timely manner
- Assist RETA Executive Director in working with the Governor's Office, New Mexico State Legislature, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, tribal and local jurisdictions, in-state investor-owned utilities and rural electric cooperatives, regional transmission planning groups and electric transmission providers, and the non-governmental advocacy community.

A preferred candidate will possess a number of the qualifications listed below:

- Undergraduate degree in engineering, environmental, energy, climate change, or related technical area
- Undergraduate or advanced degree in public policy, business, law, energy, climate change, planning, or related area
- Experience with energy research or policy institutions
- Experience working with state and federal laws, policies, and regulations governing renewable portfolios, electric power generation, and transmission.
- Experience with reviewing and analyzing renewable energy development projections for accuracy and practicability
- Experience with analyzing, tracking, and reporting progress of operating renewable energy developments
- Experience in contracts, including procurement and management of consulting services
- Experience working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and state public utility commissions
- Knowledge of electric utilities and renewable energy developers
- Knowledge of current initiatives in renewable energy development, transmission planning, and related government initiatives
- Knowledge of renewable energy technologies and transmission infrastructure development
- Knowledge of state budget revenue impact and solutions for NM transition to clean energy
- Demonstrated strong analytical and leadership skills
- Demonstrated project management skills
- Demonstrated planning and communication skills
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively with a variety of stakeholders.

Preferred Consideration Deadline: August 16, 2021.

Application materials must include a cover letter, resume (including 3 references with contact information) and a statement addressing qualifications. Application materials should be sent by email to: Brian Johnson, Clean Energy Engineer for RETA (brian@nmreta.net).

RETA's website: <https://nmreta.com>