



## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Infrastructure Development Specialist, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority**

The New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) is seeking qualified candidates for the position of RETA Infrastructure Development 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's mandate is 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 fees to participating entities to service the bond debt and recover administrative costs.

The RETA Infrastructure Development Specialist position is a full-time appointment. A compensation package will be negotiated. The RETA offices and Infrastructure Development Specialist position are in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

#### **Duties:**

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

- Serve as the full-time Infrastructure Development Specialist for RETA, including providing technical and administrative assistance to the RETA Executive Director in managing all aspects of the RETA implementation, development, and expansion.
- Assist RETA Executive Director with the facilitation of multi-state, multi-utility collaborative agreements and/or contracts to ensure the development of needed transmission infrastructure for exporting 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 state agencies, and 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:

- Bachelors degree in an engineering or scientific discipline.
- Masters degree in business administration.
- Experience with evaluating and planning infrastructure development in environmentally-sensitive areas, including federal and state environmental statutes.
- Experience with reviewing prospectuses and financial reports for infrastructure development.
- Experience with analyzing infrastructure project financial projections for accuracy and practicability.
- Experience with cost control, cost accounting, and management of project schedules.
- Knowledge of environmental mitigation contracts including development and management.
- Knowledge of renewable energy technologies, transmission planning, and infrastructure development.
- Experience working with tribal, state, and federal laws, policies, and regulations governing transmission infrastructure development and electric power generation and transmission.
- Experience working with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and state public utility commissions.
- Knowledge of current initiatives in renewable energy development and transmission planning activities and related government initiatives.
- Demonstrated economics knowledge in relation to environmental impact.
- Demonstrated business and financial knowledge in relation to large-scale utilities projects, private-sector development approaches, and public-private partnerships.
- 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: until position filled.

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 mail or email to: Valerie Moquino, New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority, 1400 South St. Francis Drive, Suite C, Santa Fe, NM 87505 ([valerie@nmreta.net](mailto:valerie@nmreta.net)).

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