



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

Job Opening: Washington State Policy Coordinator

The BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) seeks qualified candidates for the position of Washington State Policy Coordinator in Seattle, Washington.

BGA unites fourteen of America's largest and most influential labor unions and environmental organizations to identify ways that today's environmental challenges can create and maintain quality jobs and build a stronger, fairer economy.

The organization's efforts center on the immediate need to develop commonsense solutions to our environmental challenges in a way that creates and maintains quality, family-sustaining jobs across the economy. Our staff and supporters design public policies, perform research, and run public education and advocacy campaigns to advocate for practical solutions; facilitate dialogue between environmentalists, union members and other stakeholders; and educate America's labor union members and environmentalists about the economic and environmental impacts of climate change and the job-creating opportunities of environmental protections.

Job Summary: BGA seeks a Policy Coordinator to spearhead the program and policy work of the BlueGreen Alliance in Washington State. The Coordinator will develop, promote, and implement programs that educate and mobilize members to action; build long term alliances to promote clean and efficient energy solutions; and work with union, environmental and community partners to effectively support policies that build the clean energy economy in ways that reduce emissions, create quality, family-sustaining jobs, and promote shared, sustainable prosperity. The Washington BGA table of labor and environmental partners is an active, committed group with ambitious goals and strong member support. The Coordinator's role is to organize, focus, and drive its collective efforts. The Coordinator will join BGA at an exciting time, building on recent successes and moving forward on numerous promising opportunities with the support of a powerful and diverse coalition.

The Washington State Policy Coordinator will work closely with BGA staff, the WA-based BGA executive committee, and the statewide steering committee to develop and execute initiatives, campaigns and legislative strategy. While principally focused on state-level policy, the WA BGA may also engage in federal and regional clean energy initiatives. The Coordinator reports to the WA-based BGA executive committee and BGA's West Coast director. The position is based in Seattle, or potentially Olympia.

Duties and Responsibilities: The Washington State Policy Coordinator will help develop and implement the initiatives of the BGA and the WA-based BGA partners to build the clean economy and increase collaborative efforts of labor and environmental organizations across a range of issues.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinating BGA's state policy initiatives, in collaboration with BGA's West Coast staff and the WA state steering committee;

- Coordinating WA BGA's effort to build the clean economy in a way that creates good jobs and grows clean and fair manufacturing practices;
- Coordinating support for targeted efforts and investments in specific projects and programs that accelerate job growth and community economic development;
- Engaging in state rulemaking processes on behalf of shared BGA positions;
- Executing Washington state implementation of BGA national campaigns as needed;
- Coordinating efforts of the WA Steering Committee member organizations in the development and implementation of policy, program, and campaign initiatives;
- Making public presentations, including presenting testimony at legislative hearings;
- Collaborating with allied constituencies, for example, communities of color, highly impacted communities, and businesses, to advance clean economy growth in collaboration with our partners;
- Working with West Coast and national BGA legislative staff to foster connectivity between WA clean energy and climate work and west coast and national priorities; and
- Working with BGA's communications team and the communication staffs of labor and environmental partners in Washington to develop and implement a state-based communications plan.

Skills & Qualifications:

- Five to seven years experience driving legislative and/or or issue-based advocacy campaigns;
- Strong foundation in coordinating campaigns that involve multiple partners and stakeholders, including labor unions, environmental organizations and supportive businesses;
- Demonstrated experience in policy development, including analyzing legislation and other policy tools, legislative outreach, and effective messaging;
- Excellent interpersonal skills, and strong orientation to building collaborative structures;
- Familiarity and previous experience working with labor unions and the environmental and environmental justice movements is preferred;
- Familiarity with clean energy, climate change policy, and other related issues preferred;
- Familiarity with the political landscape of WA strongly preferred;
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with colleagues in multiple locations;
- Ability to juggle multiple issues and campaigns;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, including public speaking;
- An ability to travel to Olympia as needed, with occasional travel throughout the state; and
- A deep commitment to the mission of the BlueGreen Alliance.

Additional Information: Salary range commensurate with experience, generous benefits package that includes medical and dental, 401k with company match, generous vacation and holidays, and a friendly work environment.

How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three references to Jennifer Bakkom-Gatzke (jenb@bluegreenalliance.org). Please write "WA POLICY" in the subject line. Position open until filled.

Women and people of color are strongly encouraged to apply.

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