Manager/Senior Manager, Transmission & Markets
St. Paul, Minnesota – Hybrid Position
About Clean Grid Alliance

Advancing Renewable Energy in the Midwest

Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) is a nonprofit organization whose 60+ members include wind, solar and energy storage developers and manufacturers, non-profit environmental, public interest, and clean energy advocacy organizations, farmer organizations, and other businesses that support renewable energy. CGA is a vital player in the fast-changing clean energy sector. Clean energy (and other technologies that will enable a clean and renewable future) is growing rapidly and includes wind, solar, storage, and other emerging technologies like hydrogen—all of which will need CGA's expertise and engagement in the years to come. CGA’s current footprint includes nine states: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. CGA’s work with the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) also includes MISO South (Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and a small part of Texas).
Areas of Focus

Leading the Way in the Renewable Energy Revolution

**Wind:**
The most cost-efficient source of renewable energy, wind power blows the Midwest toward a renewable energy future.

**Solar:**
Solar power creates jobs, drives innovation, and strengthens our economy as a key player in moving the Midwest toward a renewable energy future.

**Transmission:**
Transmission is critical to delivering low-cost energy when and where it is needed.

**Storage:**
Strong storage infrastructure can bring down energy costs by increasing grid efficiency and improving reliability and flexibility.
The Opportunity

Clean Grid Alliance (CGA) seeks a Manager/Senior Manager to assist with the organization’s work on clean energy that includes expanding transmission across the Midcontinent and between Regional Transmission Organization “seams”, helping to create a marketplace at MISO that provides new opportunities for clean energy, and collaborating extensively with different advocacy groups working in the Midcontinent. The position entails assisting with CGA-only initiatives and initiatives that are done collectively with a group of organizations. The Manager/Senior Manager may also include assisting with regulatory cases regarding state transmission line approval.

The Manager/Senior Manager will be part of the CGA team working on MISO issues day-to-day. The successful candidate will also interact regularly with CGA members, and CGA’s other teams, particularly State Advocacy and Communications.

Support CGA’s Transmission, Markets, Advocacy Strategy and Vision (20%)
• Work as part of the MISO team, support work directed by VP, Transmission & Markets, and in conjunction with Engineering Consultants to create a multi-year strategic plan for expanding transmission and markets in MISO.
• Disseminate and advocate for adoption of and support for the multi-year roadmap.
• Perform substantive, programmatic, and administrative duties to execute the strategic plan.
• Support fundraising for resources to execute the strategic plan.
• Serve as a Subject Matter Expert on various aspects of the strategic plan.

Daily/Weekly Core Functions (65%)
• Participate in MISO daily/weekly/monthly/quarterly stakeholder meetings (committees, subcommittees, task forces, special projects, Board of Directors week meetings).
• Advocate for CGA positions at MISO and related venues, and with state-based decision-makers and others.
• Participate in CGA MISO workgroup calls and meetings to inform and discuss issues with CGA members.
• Make presentations at CGA member calls and quarterly member meetings, as assigned.
• Provide “connective tissue” between CGA MISO work and CGA Regulatory Advocacy work.

Other Duties and Activities (15%)
• Prepare updates and articles for CGA’s monthly e-newsletter and American Clean Power (ACP) Association’s monthly Transmission & Markets report, and other reports as needed, in conjunction with CGA’s Communications Team.
• Create and prepare articles, blog posts, social media, and other related materials, in conjunction with the CGA Communications Team.
• Participate in presentations at conferences and meetings to advocate for CGA positions and priorities.
The Candidate

Clean Grid Alliance is looking for an eager, curious, organized, collaborative, self-starter who has a strong drive to tackle work that makes a meaningful difference. The successful candidate must have some knowledge/experience with clean energy issues, ability to successfully lead/complete work that is assigned, enjoy working both independently and with a team, and want to tackle and “own” your work and place in the organization. The successful candidate must have excellent oral and written communication skills. This position may also bridge between the MISO work and state regulatory advocacy, providing “connective tissue” between several CGA work streams.

Qualifications:
❖ Bachelor’s Degree and 5+ years in technical or policy work in energy or related fields.
❖ Ability to support an aggressive but doable agenda and help implement it.
❖ Experience engaging, influencing, and working collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders across different interests.
❖ Ability to reconcile challenging and diverse viewpoints among non-profit organizations, for-profit renewable energy companies, CGA members, and other organizations with whom CGA is working.
❖ Some experience presenting before regulators, policymakers, utilities, and other key stakeholders.
❖ Ability to juggle multiple tasks and priorities at once, perform well in fast-paced environment and effectively apply good judgment skills.
❖ Experience working effectively as part of a team and can perceive when to build consensus and when to lead.
❖ Ability to conduct rigorous information gathering and compile findings into easily digested and compelling formats.
❖ Self-starter who can work independently.
❖ Ability to travel as required by the position.

This position offers the opportunity to strengthen your clean energy skills, tackle new subjects, learn from a group of seasoned industry leaders, and have your own portfolio of work to lead. This is an excellent opportunity for someone seeking to take on more responsibility if you already have 5+ years work experience in a related position and are looking to play a role in achieving a clean energy transition in the Midcontinent.
Submit your application at
https://driwaterstonehc.com/position/manager-clean-grid-alliance/

Salary and Benefits
The salary range for the Manager/Senior Manager position is $115,000-$125,000, depending on experience and the candidate’s qualifications. Excellent benefits include 100% employer-paid health, dental, and vision insurance, long short-term disability, generous vacation, 11.5 paid holidays, and 6% base pay contribution to retirement plan after the employee is vested after 1 year of employment.

Location
The preferred location for the position is in CGA’s office in St. Paul, Minnesota. CGA currently has a hybrid work environment and does host quarterly (March, June, September, December) member meetings in Minneapolis/St. Paul which staff attend in person. This position may offer the ability to travel approximately 10% of the time.

Equal-opportunity Employer
CGA provides equal employment opportunities to all employees and applicants for employment and prohibits discrimination and harassment of any type without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, disability status, genetics, protected veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic protected by federal, state or local laws. This policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including recruiting, hiring, placement, promotion, termination, layoff, recall, transfer, leaves of absence, compensation, and professional development.

DRiWaterstone has been exclusively retained for this engagement. All first-round interviews for this position will be via video conference with DRiWaterstone.

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