

CLEAN GRID ALLIANCE

Vice President, Advocacy

Remote Position: Midwest Region

(Ideal Locations: Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – Chicago, IL – Des Moines, IA – Indianapolis, IN)

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About Clean Grid Alliance

WIND | TRANSMISSION | SOLAR | STORAGE

Advancing Renewable Energy in the Midwest

Clean Grid brings together two coordinated organizations advancing clean energy in the Midwest. Clean Grid Alliance (CGA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, identifies and supports construction of the large-scale infrastructure needed for the clean energy transition; addresses siting challenges for wind, solar, storage, and transmission projects in nine states; works at the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) to modernize the wholesale energy market; and communicates the benefits of clean energy at the local, state, and regional levels. Clean Grid Association, a 501(c)(6) trade association, is the unified business voice in the Midwest for clean energy developers, manufacturers, supply chain companies, law firms, and other businesses that develop or support clean energy.

Members include wind, solar, and battery storage developers and manufacturers, merchant transmission developers, and nonprofit environmental, public interest, and clean energy advocacy organizations. Clean Grid is also working with data center developers who want to power their facilities with clean energy. Its footprint spans North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri, with additional transmission work in the MISO South states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas.



Areas of Focus

Leading the Way in the Renewable Energy Revolution

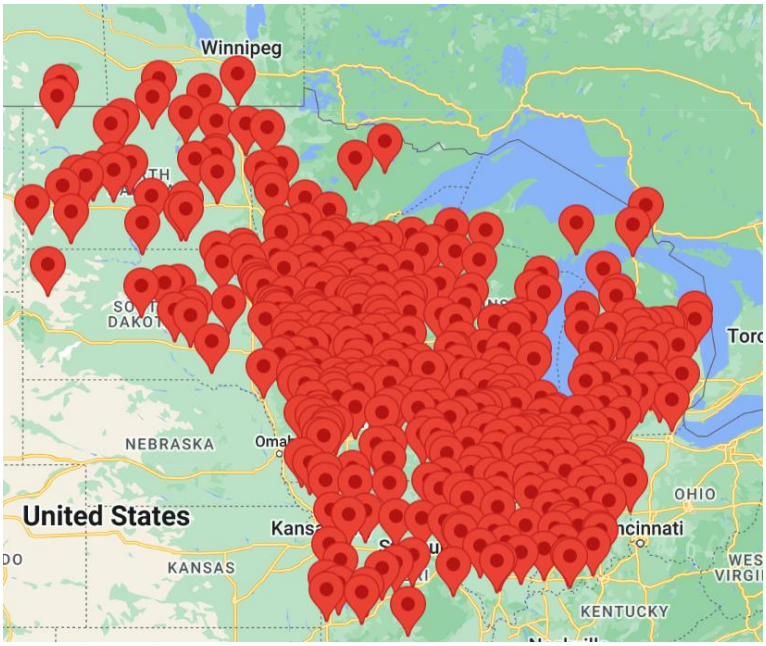
Wind:
The most cost-efficient source of renewable energy, wind power blows the Midwest toward a renewable energy future.

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.

Wind & Solar Energy Projects – MISO North



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The Opportunity

Clean Grid Alliance seeks a **Vice President, Advocacy** to lead the state policy arm of Clean Grid. Reporting to the Executive Director, the VP oversees, identifies, and implements policy work at the state, regional, and local levels, working closely with Regional Policy Directors, contracted organizations and consultants, Clean Grid members, and the Executive Director. In partnership with the Executive Director, the VP will also help grow the organization's capabilities and membership across its footprint and ever-expanding areas of clean energy expertise.

The VP leads a team that includes two Regional Policy Directors (Eastern and Western states), the Manager, Membership & Operations, a Policy Associate, and multiple consultants hired for specific state initiatives.

Strategy & Priorities

- Set legislative priorities with members and develop a comprehensive, longer-term renewable energy policy strategy that translates emerging trends into actionable policy; help shape Clean Grid's overall strategy.
- Prepare and manage, with the Executive Director, a budget that supports legislative priorities, pivoting as needed.
- Collaborate with other Clean Grid teams to achieve maximum organizational effectiveness for members.

Team & Coalition Leadership

- Directly and indirectly manage the Eastern and Western Regional Policy Directors, supporting their workload and potentially leading in one or two Clean Grid states.
- With Regional Policy Directors, determine when a lobbyist is needed and coordinate lobbying efforts among interested members in each state.
- Build and maintain collaborative relationships with Washington, DC-based trade organizations such as the American Clean Power Association (ACPA) and the Solar Energy Industries Association (SEIA).

Member & Stakeholder Engagement

- Confer with members on policy changes and support for state and local initiatives; participate in or lead state work group calls to gather and coordinate member input.
- Deliver written and oral presentations to collaborators, policymakers, and other stakeholders as part of outreach and advocacy.
- Partner with the Executive Director and development staff on fund development and relationship building.

Analysis & Reporting

- Analyze proposed legislation for its impact on renewable energy development, conferring with legal and regulatory staff as needed, and conduct policy, legal, technical, regulatory, and financial analysis of proposals.
- Keep staff, consultants, members, and funders informed through weekly reports, monthly e-newsletters, leadership and board meetings, quarterly member meetings, and funder meetings.



The Candidate

The ideal candidate is a seasoned energy policy and strategic thought leader who can set an aggressive but doable policy and legislative agenda and deliver on it. They take a broad view of policy, spot trends and turn them into action, and know when to build consensus and when to lead. A self-starter who works independently, they also like to "bring people along."

Qualifications

- Bachelor's degree (Master's or JD preferred) and 15+ years in government relations or policy work in energy or related fields.
- Demonstrated track record of setting an ambitious policy agenda and implementing it successfully.
- Experience engaging, influencing, and collaborating with a variety of stakeholders across different interests.
- Ability to build strategic coalitions to advance energy policy with decision-makers.
- Ability to reconcile challenging and diverse viewpoints among nonprofits, for-profit renewable energy companies, Clean Grid members, and other partners.
- Experience presenting before regulators, policymakers, utilities, and other key stakeholders.
- Ability to juggle multiple tasks and priorities in a fast-paced environment while applying sound judgment.
- Works effectively as part of a team or coalition, perceiving when to build consensus and when to lead.
- Rigorous information gathering, with the ability to compile findings into easily digested, compelling formats.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to travel as required.

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Salary and Benefits

The salary range is **$175,000–$190,000**, depending on experience and the candidate's qualifications. Excellent benefits include 100% employer-paid health, dental, and vision insurance, long- and short-term disability, a hybrid work environment, generous vacation, 11.5 paid holidays, sick leave, and a substantial employer contribution to the retirement plan once the employee is vested after one year of employment.

Location

The preferred location for the position is in the Midwest; ideally in Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN – Chicago, IL – Des Moines, IA – Indianapolis, IN - Remote position. 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.

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.

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

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