



REDWOOD COAST Energy Authority

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Technician/Senior Technician – Demand Side Management Position #270

Job Announcement

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) is a joint powers agency located in Eureka, in beautiful Humboldt County. Humboldt offers a diverse range of activities beyond the workplace, whether you prioritize being outside, the arts, or community engagement. Outdoor activities including hiking, biking, fishing, and boating abound on our rugged coasts, pristine beaches, ancient redwood forests, and scenic rivers. We have a vibrant arts and music scene, and you won't want to miss the annual Kinetic Sculpture Grand Championship race and other unique activities. RCEA employees are active in community organizations ranging from serving our youth to supporting the ecological health of our beautiful home. Humboldt County is currently experiencing an economic revival, with Humboldt Bay positioned to become the center of California's offshore wind industry; the installation of new trans-Pacific fiber optic cables about to provide us with the West Coast's fastest connection to Asian markets; and Humboldt State University recently designated as Cal Poly Humboldt, California's third state polytechnic and the first in Northern California. RCEA is poised to serve this growing community into the future.

RCEA was formed in 2003 by the County of Humboldt and incorporated cities within the county to create a local government organization devoted to developing and implementing sustainable energy initiatives that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, and advance the use of clean, efficient, and renewable resources available in the region. In 2017, RCEA launched its Community Choice Energy (CCE) program to procure electricity for customers in participating jurisdictions, allowing our community to invest in renewable energy sources, reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and implement local energy programs.

RCEA is currently implementing energy efficiency projects and programs through our Demand Side Management (DSM) department, which are supported through ratepayer funding from the California Public Utilities Commission, partnership programs with Pacific Gas and Electric Company, RCEA's CCE program, and various grants. These include a wide and expanding range of residential, commercial, and public agency services to promote energy efficiency, electrification, demand response, decentralized renewable energy production and storage, and more with the overall goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

RCEA is seeking a Technician/Senior Technician to join the DSM Team. Under the supervision of a DSM Manager, this role will implement energy projects from concept to completion, maintain a steady pipeline of commercial energy assessments, meet stringent reporting requirements and interface with stakeholders to deliver community-focused services to ratepayers. RCEA is ideally seeking a candidate at the Senior Technician level, which is distinguished by the proven ability to manage large, more complex projects independently, collaborate with Program Managers on the development of new programs and procedures, and potentially supervise other employees.

The Ideal Candidate

- Passionate about reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing local energy resiliency
- Experienced with developing customer project proposals and facilitating project acceptance
- Familiar with energy rates, load curves and benchmarking
- Effective with facilitating coordination and resolving challenges
- Highly organized, technically inclined, detail-oriented and persistent with follow-ups
- An ambitious individual capable of navigating programmatic requirements, processes, and reporting for programs funded through the California Public Utilities Commission and PG&E

Specific activities include:

- Performing non-residential energy assessments at customer sites
- Outreach to potential customers to promote and sell RCEA services
- Reviewing and analyzing customer energy usage
- Preparing customer energy reports and proposals for energy projects
- Engaging and maintaining customer relationships and acting as a customer's energy advisor
- Managing a steady project pipeline of medium to large non-residential energy efficiency projects
- Calculating complex energy and cost savings using approved methodologies
- Providing a seamless customer experience while accessing incentives, financing, and technical support
- Diligent coordination with customers, contractors, and vendors
- Providing program support to Managers
- Use of your personal vehicle for assessments and installations will be required

Candidates with any of the following experience are encouraged to apply:

- Project or construction management including contracting and bidding
- Facility auditing or inspections
- Building operations and performance
- Electrical, lighting, HVAC, refrigeration, demand response, solar and/or storage
- Public program implementation
- Rebate processing and reporting
- Residential energy projects

Relevant professional certifications include Building Performance Institute Building Analyst, Building Operator Certification, ACEE Certified Energy Manager or Certified Energy Auditor.

Well-qualified applicants with limited energy efficiency experience will be considered. If you prioritize working for an organization that focuses on community service, fosters a team atmosphere, and supports enterprising approaches you may be a great addition to the team.

Compensation:

Senior Technician pay ranges from **\$37.36 to \$46.81 per hour** and **Technician** pay ranges from **\$32.49 to \$40.75 per hour**, 40 hours per week, plus RCEA standard benefits package and holiday pay. Appointments typically start at the beginning of the pay range, with exceptions made for highly qualified candidates.

Application Instructions:

Applicants must submit an RCEA Employment Application, resume and cover letter to RCEA, 633 3rd Street, Eureka CA 95501, or to hr@redwoodenergy.org, Attn: DSM Tech, Position # 270. Incomplete application packages or those submitted through third-party services or social media will not be considered. Applications are available at <https://redwoodenergy.org/employment/>

Application Deadline:

This position is open until filled. .

Vaccination requirement:

Due to the close contact this role will have with RCEA staff in the office setting, documentation of vaccination against the coronavirus is a condition of employment. Applicants who seek reasonable accommodation for this requirement, based on medical condition or sincerely held religious belief should contact RCEA's Human Resources staff at hr@redwoodenergy.org or 707-269-1700.

The Redwood Coast Energy Authority is committed to a diverse workforce and is an equal opportunity employer. RCEA maintains and promotes a policy of nondiscrimination and nonharassment on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, age, disability, veteran or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin or genetic characteristic. RCEA strongly encourages people of color, women, and those who identify as LGBTQ to apply.