

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

**INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT
11-DKN-01
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE
NATIONAL RELATIONS
DETAIL 4-6 Months**

OPEN: May 2, 2011

CLOSE: Tuesday, May 31, 2011

POSITION: Detail, Government Relations Specialist

POSITION LOCATION: National Relations, Washington, DC - DKN

AREA OF CONSIDERATION: Career and career conditional, full-time permanent BPA employees at grade levels GS-13 and above.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The purpose of the National Relations detail is to provide the detailee experience representing the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) policies and strategies to extra-regional external interests and enable the detailee to gain an appreciation for how BPA's agendas and policies are influenced (positively or negatively) by these external forces. The National Relations organization has responsibility for acting as the Bonneville Power Administrator/Chief Executive Officer's representative in Washington, D.C. The professional staff in the office are the liaison between BPA and the Congress, the Executive Branch agencies, Department of Energy (DOE), the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and other organizations and officials within the federal establishment, other government entities, interest groups, and the general public.

In addition to experience gained in the liaison role, the detailee also would gain the following experiences:

- As project manager, serve as the control point on assigned legislative and federal administrative strategy issues and provide oversight and direction to teams working on strategic issues concerning their functional area.
- Facilitate the development and implementation of long-term, high-level legislative and administrative strategies and coordinate and integrate such strategies with agency strategic planning when applicable and analyze individual strategies and approaches for consistency with long-term plans.
- Advise and assist the National Relations Manager and office staff in the development and implementation of legislative and administrative strategies and tactics.
- Coordinate or perform technical tasks necessary to support the requirements of the legislative and administrative strategy process, assuring that legislative and administrative efforts are given the necessary management support.
- Organize, facilitate, document, and follow through on regular and special outreach to external interests on long-term and/or short-term strategies and tactics.
- Develop strategic legislative and administrative plans and studies and perform related research concerning strategic issues in coordination with program/project leaders throughout BPA and the business lines.

HOW TO APPLY: Send a memorandum describing the reasons for your interest in this detail, your work experiences that would enhance your experiences on the detail, and your knowledge of national policy, legislative, and federal administrative issues concerning BPA. Your memorandum also should address how you have achieved or are working to gain significant competence in the behavioral competencies below.

This detail is ideal for periods of at least 120 days. Please indicate whether or not you would be able to commit to a 120 day to 6 month detail.

The supervisor's acknowledgment must be signed by your supervisor and attached to the memorandum. Submit both by the closing date to Sonya Baskerville, National Relations Manager, DKN-Wash, via interoffice mail, email, or fax (202-586-6762).

COMPETENCIES

1. Interpersonal Savvy - Relates well to all kinds of people, up, down, and sideways, inside and outside the organization; builds appropriate rapport; listens; builds constructive and effective relationships; uses diplomacy and tact; truly values people; can diffuse even high-tension situations comfortable.
2. Political Savvy - Can maneuver through complex political situations effectively and quietly; is sensitive to how people and organizations function; anticipates where the land mines are and plans his/her approach accordingly; views corporate politics as a necessary part of organizational life and works to adjust to that reality; is a maze-bright person.
3. Results Driven - Can be counted on to exceed goals successfully; is constantly and consistently one of the top performers; very bottom-line oriented; steadfastly pushes self and others for results.