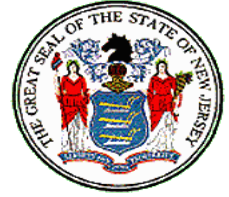




BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES NOTICE OF VACANCY



POSTING: 25-2026	OPENING DATE: APRIL 22, 2026	CLOSING DATE: MAY 13, 2026
TITLE: PROGRAM SPECIALIST TRAINEE	WORKWEEK: (35 HOUR) NE	EXISTING VACANCIES: 2
SALARY: \$51,479.83 – \$53,807.27	DIVISION/OFFICE: DIVISION OF CLEAN ENERGY	
OPEN TO: GENERAL PUBLIC		

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Under the close supervision of a Program Specialist 3, Program Specialist 4, or other supervisory officer in a State department or agency, as a trainee and productive worker, receives on-the-job training while assisting in the professional, administrative, and analytical work to promote the planning, operation, implementation, monitoring and/or evaluation of human or social service programs, programs serving the socio-economic needs of specific clients populations, or regulatory programs designed to ensure public safety, health and welfare, or protection of the environment; completes assignments which provide practical Program Specialist experience; does other related work.

WORK RESPONSIBILITIES

Supports the Clean Energy team carrying out major tasks needed to support the oversight and management of clean energy projects awarded by the BPU. Tracks industry trends, needs, changes, events, and advises team on relevant updates for strategic policy planning initiatives. Facilitate communications as needed between staff and awarded projects. Supports and facilitates logistics for and participates in major program initiatives (e.g., public events, procurement engagements, etc.). Participates in inter-agency initiatives with various stakeholders. Supports research tasks and prepares technically sound recommendations related to various offshore wind endeavors. Log, track, and maintain project records.

REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Applicants must meet one of the following or a combination of both experience and education. Thirty (30) semester hour credits are equal to one (1) year of relevant experience.

Four (4) years of professional experience relevant to the position.

NOTE: Please refer to the Advancement section located at the bottom of this title specification for a comprehensive list of approved titles connected to this trainee title. Experience must be related to the journeyman title associated with the position.

OR

Possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

NOTE: "Professional experience" refers to work that is analytical, evaluative, and interpretive; requires a range of basic knowledge of the profession's concepts and practices; and is performed with the authority to act and make accurate and informed decisions.

ADVANCEMENT: Appointees who successfully complete the 12-month training period will be eligible for advancement to one of the following titles: Program Specialist 1.

RESUME NOTE: Eligibility determination will be based upon information presented on the resume and/or education documents provided. Applicants who possess foreign degrees (degrees earned outside of the U.S.) are required to provide an evaluation indicating the U.S. equivalency prior to the closing date. Failure to do so may result in your ineligibility.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BENEFITS: The State of New Jersey offers a variety of employee benefits statewide, including:

- Health and Dental Benefit Plans
- Prescription Drug Plan
- Vision Care Reimbursement
- Deferred Compensation
- 12 Vacation Days, 15 Sick Days, 3 Administrative Leave Days
- 13 Paid Holidays
- Telework available for some positions* (*Pursuant to the BPU's policy, procedures, and/or guidelines.*)
- Flexible and Health Savings Accounts
- Public Student Loan Forgiveness
- Paid Leave for Military Training

HOURS OF WORK: The hours of work for this position are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All No Limit (NL) titles will be required to perform work beyond the stated hours of work as needed, in compliance with applicable collective bargaining agreements and laws.

STATE AS A MODEL EMPLOYER (SAME) APPLICANTS If you are applying under the NJ "SAME" program, your supporting documents (Schedule A or B letter), must be submitted along with your resume by the closing date indicated above. [The SAME program allows candidates, who identify as having a significant disability, to apply for non-competitive and unclassified positions through a fast track hiring process. For more information about the SAME program and the Fast Track Hiring program, please \[click here\]\(#\) if you have any questions, please email, or call the contact as indicated on the job vacancy announcement.](#)

TELEWORK: This position may be eligible to participate in the Department's pilot Telework Program/Policy, which offers eligible employees the opportunity to work remotely up to two (2) days per week, if approved by Management per operational needs, subject to all requirements of the Department's Telework Program/Policy. For questions regarding Telework eligibility, please ask during the interview process if selected for an interview.

WORK AUTHORIZATION: In compliance with federal law, all persons hired will be required to verify identity and eligibility to work in the United States and to complete the required employment verification forms upon hire. Selected candidates must be authorized to work in the United States according to the Department of Homeland Security, United States Citizenship, and Immigration Services Regulations. The State of New Jersey does not provide sponsorships for citizenships or Visas to the United States.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS: The "New Jersey First Act," N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70) effective September 1, 2011, contains new residency requirements for public officers and employees, unless exempted under the law. Current, new, or prospective employees should be aware of the following: *Effective September 1, 2011, all employees of State and local government must reside in the State of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law. If you already work for the State or local government as of September 1, 2011, and you do not live in New Jersey, you are not required to move to New Jersey. However, if you begin your office, position or employment on September 1, 2011, or later, you must reside in New Jersey. If you do not reside in New Jersey, you have one year after the date you take your office, position, or employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey. If you do not do so, you are subject to removal from your office, position, or employment. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/labor/research-info/njfirst.shtml>*

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: Submissions must be received in time to the email address listed below to be considered. **Failure to submit all required documents may result in an ineligibility determination.** Interviews will be granted based on the resume.

If you are qualified, please submit the documents listed below by 4:00 pm on the closing date of this vacancy:

- Cover letter/letter of interest indicating the posting number
- A current resume
- Proof of degree (a copy of your final official/unofficial transcripts and/or foreign degree evaluation)
- Writing Sample
- A complete [State of NJ Employment Application](#) and [Personal Relationships Disclosure Form](#)

All documents must be submitted via email at humanresources@bpu.nj.gov (Subject line must include the specific job posting number).

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