

PugetSoundPartnership

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Government Relations Manager

Exempt Recruitment Announcement

Position:	Government Relations Manager, full time
Salary:	Minimum annual salary \$80,000 (negotiable DOQ) and benefits
Location:	Olympia, Washington (with telecommute options when not in legislative session)
Posting Date:	July 9, 2008
Closing Date:	Open until filled

The Puget Sound Partnership is seeking a qualified candidate for the position of Government Relations Manager. This position reports to the Communications Director and will lead the planning, development and implementation of the agency's legislative program and oversee federal, state and local government relations, particularly as they relate to implementation of the Action Agenda to restore Puget Sound.

AGENCY PROFILE

The Governor and 2007 Legislature established the Partnership as a state agency to develop and implement an aggressive Action Agenda for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020. The Partnership is a new and dynamic organization charged with taking a collaborative and accountable approach to accomplishing its mission. It relies on the contributions of a variety of entities, including: state, local, federal and tribal governments; community and environmental organizations; businesses; and watershed and salmon recovery groups. To achieve its mission the Partnership is finding new and different ways to engage the public in Puget Sound restoration efforts. The Partnership's work requires creativity, innovation and a wide variety of tools and approaches to engage, catalyze, educate and inform individuals and groups throughout the region. More information is available at: www.psp.wa.gov

POSITION OVERVIEW AND GOALS

The Government Relations Manager will play a significant role in helping implement the recommendations identified in the Action Agenda across all levels of government in Puget Sound and supporting the government relations needs of the agency.

PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Specific responsibilities include:

- Developing the Partnership's overall policy strategy for legislative sessions.
- Advancing legislation that supports the priorities outlined in the Action Agenda and the mission of the Partnership.
- Provide a strong and effective link between the Partnership's management team and its legislative efforts.
- Analyzing and tracking legislation that affects the Partnership.
- Evaluating whether legislation fits within the goals of the Action Agenda.
- Presenting relevant items and views to the Legislature by testifying at committee hearings and meeting with legislators and staff.
- Preparing testimony, position statements and presentations for legislative committee hearings and other public meetings for him/herself and other Partnership staff.
- Developing and maintaining effective working relationships with elected officials and their staff, agency officials and

their staff, and representatives of organizations with common policy agendas.

- Coordinating with agency and stakeholder staff when appropriate.
- Supervising the outreach work of the regional liaisons representing each of the Partnership's geographic Action Areas.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Successful candidates will:

- Have extensive knowledge of and experience with the legislative process and structure.
- Have a proven track record of success advancing legislation.
- Have experience analyzing, tracking and drafting legislation.
- Have strong interpersonal, speaking and writing skills.
- Have knowledge of natural resource and environmental issues, particularly as they relate to Puget Sound and growth management laws.
- Have strong knowledge of federal, state, local and tribal government processes.
- Be willing to work flexible hours during legislative sessions (held annually starting the second week of January and alternating in length between 105 days and 60 days).

DESIRABLE EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

- A bachelor's degree.
- A minimum of five years of related professional experience.
- Familiarity with the Revised Code of Washington and Washington Administrative Code.
- Enthusiasm for the Partnership's mission to restore and protect the Sound.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send a letter of interest describing relevant qualifications, a detailed résumé and salary history, three professional references with current phone numbers, and an example of your written communication skills.

Please send the information to:

Katy Johansson
Puget Sound Partnership
P.O. Box 40900
Olympia, WA 98504-0900

Electronic applications are encouraged (PDF preferred). Applications will be screened and only those candidates who most closely meet the desirable education, skills, knowledge and abilities will be interviewed. Send e-mail to katy.johansson@psp.wa.gov. If you need additional information please call (360) 725-5444 or 800-54-SOUND.

The Puget Sound Partnership is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages disabled and Vietnam-era veterans, women, racial, and ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and persons older than 40 to apply. Persons of disability needing assistance in the application process, or those needing this job announcement in an alternative format may call (800) 833-6388.