



**Gulf Restoration Network and 1Sky
POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT – September, 2008
LOUISIANA CAMPAIGN ORGANIZER**

Position: Campaign Organizer

Organizations: The Gulf Restoration Network (www.healthygulf.org) is partnering with 1Sky in Louisiana to carry out this campaign. The Gulf Restoration Network (GRN) is a non-profit organization made up of an alliance of groups and individuals committed to uniting and empowering people to restore the natural resources of the Gulf region. The priority issues of the GRN include the protection of wetlands and water quality, reduction of greenhouse gases and mitigation of the impacts of global warming on coastal communities, and sustainable management of Gulf fisheries.

1Sky (www.1sky.org) is a powerful new campaign to build a movement at the scale of the climate challenge by communicating a pro-active vision, and advocating a clear, simple set of goals and policy initiatives. 1Sky was borne from the collective urgency and determination of a diverse group of leaders with many strengths, audiences, and organizing strategies and 1Sky aggregates that power. 1Sky is building a central staff in the DC area, and up to 50 organizers placed with partner organizations in target congressional districts around the country, to carry out our mission.

Description: GRN and 1Sky seek a Louisiana organizer, based in the New Orleans area, who will coordinate the local grassroots efforts to engage and mobilize over 1 million people nationwide to advocate directly to their member of congress for the 1Sky solutions policy platform. The Organizer will work in coalition with a diverse set of concerned groups, businesses, individuals, and communities to demonstrate dramatic public support to address global warming at the scale of the problem. The Organizer will be working to educate and move Members of Congress to support legislation seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move the country towards a clean energy future. The position is for one year. The organizer will report to GRN and 1Sky.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Build coalitions among allies and nontraditional constituencies to grow broad community support for the 1Sky solutions package.

- Help build, engage, and mobilize a network of over 1 million activists to advance 1Sky's national advocacy campaigns through local organizing efforts.
- Implement 1Sky field and outreach strategies in your target community, including grassroots lobbying actions, voter education campaigns, and candidate "bird-dogging."
- Generate local media coverage on behalf of 1Sky and GRN.
- Coordinate local and regional activist skills trainings.
- Develop and execute direct actions in targeted areas to draw attention to the need for federal global warming action.
- Track and report campaign deliverables.

PROFESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent organizational, verbal, written, and interpersonal skills
- 1-3 years organizing experience in electoral, issue and/or legislative campaigns as well as key elements of organizing, such as public outreach, media work, and building alliances and constituencies.
- Familiarity with strategy development and advocacy techniques;
- Familiarity with and understanding of climate and energy-related issues;
- Excellent motivational and interpersonal skills and strong research skills;
- Proficiency in the use of Microsoft Word, Publisher, Excel, and one or more social networking sites;
- Experience engaging and motivating large numbers of volunteers;
- Experience working collaboratively with other organizations;
- Works well under pressure, with deadlines, and can think quickly on your feet;
- Work well independently;
- Willing and able to travel throughout the state.

OTHER SKILLS / ABILITIES

- Familiarity with Louisiana coastal problems and how global warming will exacerbate environmental and human issues;
- Familiarity with Environmental Justice and working with diverse groups;
- Proficiency in the use of web design programs.

Travel: Approximately 30-40 percent of the time, primarily Louisiana and Washington, D.C.

Salary: Upper twenties to low thirties depending on experience, plus benefits including health, dental, and disability insurance

Application Deadline: July 15, 2008

To Apply: Send a cover letter, resume, references and a short writing sample to Cynthia Sarthou, Executive Director at the address listed above or via e-mail at cyn@healthygulf.org with the subject Attn: Louisiana Organizer Position.

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