

Position Available: Maritime Transportation Policy Analyst

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Description

The Great Lakes Commission (GLC) has an immediate opening for a highly motivated team player to join our staff. This position will work under the direction of the GLC leadership team to support the GLC's maritime transportation work and related efforts. Ensuring safe and reliable waterways for recreational and commercial navigation is a longstanding priority for the GLC and a key goal of its [strategic plan](#). This position is designed to develop and advance work in accordance with the strategic plan, aligned with the needs and interests of the Great Lakes states and provinces and regional maritime community.

Responsibilities

The incumbent will serve as a central point of expertise for the GLC on Great Lakes navigation and maritime transportation issues. They will analyze policy, regulations, and datasets, work directly with partners to support policy implementation, conduct policy and program research, and contribute to the design and preparation of issue briefs and decision-support tools.

Specific responsibilities include:

- Support the GLC leadership team in advancing policy and funding priorities related to navigation and maritime transportation consistent with [GLC policy resolutions and federal advocacy efforts](#).
- Develop, plan, and facilitate meetings/workshops related to maritime transportation to promote communication, coordination, partnerships, and technology and knowledge transfer among federal, Indigenous, state, provincial, and local partners in the public and private sectors.
- Prepare articles, memos, fact sheets, and/or briefing papers on relevant maritime transportation topics, programs, and policies for various audiences.
- Coordinate studies, research, data collection and related efforts to understand specific aspects of maritime transportation, e.g., economic benefits, cargo, sustainability, safety, and environmental performance.
- Work collaboratively to identify and advance tools to address specific data and information needed to support maritime transportation efforts, e.g., resource libraries, data products, and GIS-based tools.

- Stay abreast of science, policy, programs, tools, and best practices related to navigation and maritime transportation in the Great Lakes basin.
- Regularly engage with maritime stakeholders, including industry and agencies whose programs impact maritime transportation to understand priorities, trends, and perspectives.

Qualifications

Ideal candidates will have at least three years full-time professional experience and be able to meet the following qualifications:

- Demonstrated knowledge of transportation policy and planning, especially marine transportation
- Working knowledge of water policy, issues, and programs as they relate to transportation
- Excellent writing and verbal communication skills and the ability to communicate complex information to diverse audiences
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to work effectively with stakeholders from varied backgrounds, including elected officials, industry leaders, agency managers, and nonprofit organizations
- Experience using different communications platforms and tools to convey work and accomplishments
- Excellent organizational and time management skills
- Ability to work independently and as part of internal and external teams
- Self-motivated and organized with strong attention to detail
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office products

Appointment

Position Classification

The position is classified as regular – full-time as defined by the GLC’s personnel policies.

Compensation and Benefits

The starting salary for this position is \$70,000, commensurate with experience. The GLC offers comprehensive benefits, including generous leave time, flexible schedules, medical, dental and vision insurance, and a retirement match program.

Work Environment

The location for this position is the GLC office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. A partial telework schedule may be considered under the GLC’s flexible schedule and telework policy. This position requires occasional travel.

Application Process

Applicants must submit a CV/resume and a cover letter stating their interest in and qualifications for the position in a single PDF emailed to vacancy@glc.org. Please use the subject line "Maritime." All required items must be provided for an application to receive consideration. ***No phone calls, please.***

About the Great Lakes Commission

The Great Lakes Commission is a binational government agency established in 1955 to protect the Great Lakes and the economies and ecosystems they support. Its membership includes leaders from the eight U.S. states and two Canadian provinces in the Great Lakes basin. The GLC recommends policies and practices to balance the use, development, and conservation of the water resources of the Great Lakes and brings the region together to work on issues that no single community, state, province, or nation can tackle alone. Learn more at www.glc.org.

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