POLICY ANALYST, TOWARD SUSTAINABLE WATER INFORMATION

Location: Northeast-Midwest Institute, Washington, D.C.

The Northeast-Midwest Institute (NEMWI) is seeking a Policy Analyst to support its Toward Sustainable Water Information Program. Launched in 2012, Toward Sustainable Water Information (TSWI) seeks to strengthen the water quality data foundation upon which effective water resource management and protection policies can be developed. NEMWI is expanding the TSWI program to evaluate water quality data availability in the Mississippi River Basin and across the entire Northeast-Midwest region. This work focuses on identifying the water quality data needed to answer place based policy questions, identifying whether the needed water data are currently available and recommending strategies for filling any identified data gaps. The policy analyst will help expand NEMWI’s water quality research portfolio in the Mississippi River Basin. This position will provide research and policy education support for the entire TSWI program, including case studies investigating water quality data related to harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie, shale gas development in the Susquehanna River Basin, the Mississippi River Basin, and a review of water quality data available for the entire Northeast-Midwest region. The TSWI program presents research results to federal and state agencies, members of the Northeast-Midwest Congressional and Senate Coalitions, the Great Lakes Task Force and other members of Congress, regional and local stakeholders, and interest groups. The TSWI program also develops policy solutions for improving the availability of water quality data to support science based decision making to protect water resources. The position reports to the Director of the TSWI program.

Qualifications: Candidates must have three or more years of experience or a master’s degree in environmental policy, science, or engineering with an emphasis on water quality issues. A bachelor’s degree in environmental science, engineering, public policy, government or a related field is required.

Background: The Northeast-Midwest Institute is a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, nonpartisan research, education, and policy organization dedicated to economic vitality, environmental quality, and regional equity for the northeast and midwest regions. NEMWI has unique standing in the regional policy-making process in that it was founded in response to the Congressional Northeast-Midwest Coalition’s need for a trusted source of data and research as well as policy options and analysis. Building on its strong track record of advancing the well-being of the 18 states of the northeast and midwest, NEMWI is entering a period of growth and increased impact, enhancing its strengths in the areas of the environment and conservation, water quality, and the Great Lakes and Mississippi River, and exploring new initiatives ranging from economic vitality and the needs of older cities, to state-focused programs.

Compensation: Compensation includes a competitive salary, commensurate with experience, as well as an excellent package of health and other employee benefits.

To Apply: Candidates for the position should submit a letter of application presenting their experience and interest in the position, noting in the subject line the position of Policy Analyst, Toward Sustainable Water Information, and also include a resume and listing of four references (which will not be contacted without prior permission), to: Elin Betanzo, Senior Policy Analyst, Northeast-Midwest Institute, at ebetanzo@nemw.org.

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