

Washington, DC Representative

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The Western Organization of Resource Councils (WORC) is seeking a full-time Washington, DC Representative to play a leading role in our federal policy work to hold the coal, oil and gas industries accountable, create a just transition for fossil-fuel dependent communities, and win economic justice for family farms and ranches and small food producers.

WORC is a regional network of eight grassroots community organizations in seven Western states. WORC is nationally respected for its 40 years of winning campaigns on natural resource, food and farm issues through community organizing, training, leadership development and voter engagement. WORC's member organizations have 15,190 members and 38 local chapters.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Washington, DC Representative plays a key role in the development and implementation of policy campaigns on WORC's federal priorities. Specific responsibilities include:

- Establishing relationships with the regional Congressional delegation and key Congressional and Administrative contacts.
- Tracking legislation and Congressional and agency action.
- Informing and activating WORC's members.
- Organizing Washington, DC fly ins, and working with WORC members and staff when in Washington, DC.
- Assisting WORC's member groups in holding their Congressional delegations accountable.
- Working with allies in Washington, DC, building relationships and sharing strategy.
- Providing Congressional testimony when directed.
- Press work, preparing press releases and statements, and developing press contacts.
- Working with WORC's regional organizers and issue campaign teams to plan and implement campaigns, including providing analysis and strategy development.
- Assisting with communications to WORC's board of directors, member groups, funders and donors on programs and priorities.
- Conducting campaign-related research and policy analysis, and producing fact sheets, reports and other materials.
- Working with development staff to meet the organization's fundraising goals.

EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- Highly motivated, proactive work style and excellent organizational skills needed to work in a small-office environment.
- Personal commitment to the principles of community organizing and the empowerment of local people through participation in the political process.

- At least two years of experience with Washington, DC government relations.
- Excellent writing, speaking and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrated proficiency in policy analysis.
- Experience managing local, state, regional and/or national policy campaigns.
- Ability to work effectively with teams, as well as in networks and coalitions.
- Knowledge of the West and its people generally, and natural resource, environmental and agricultural issues specifically.

The position is full-time, exempt, and based in our Washington, DC office with frequent travel and periodic work on evenings and weekends.

SALARY AND STARTING DATE

Salary range depends on experience and qualifications, with generous benefits including health and dental insurance, sabbatical, paid vacation and sick leave, and retirement plan with employer contribution.

TO APPLY

To apply send a cover letter (tell us why you want to work for us, and where you saw the job announcement), resume, two writing samples and three references to Sara Kendall, Program Director, Western Organization of Resource Councils, by e-mail to billings@worc.org.

WORC will accept applications until the position is filled.

The Western Organization of Resource Councils is an equal opportunity employer committed to a diverse workforce. For more information about WORC, visit our website at www.worc.org.