

**Position:** Summer 2023 Climate Economy Municipal Leadership Intern

**Organization:** Northeast Clean Energy Council

**Schedule:** 40 hours/week for 12 weeks

**Location:** Virtual

**Reports to:** Vice President, Learning, Operations, and Organizational Effectiveness

**Compensation:** \$13/hr

**Eligibility:** Must meet the eligibility requirements of the RI Clean Energy Internship Program

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**How to apply:**

Interested candidates should email Kristen Stelljes at [kstelljes@necec.org](mailto:kstelljes@necec.org) with a resume and cover letter. Subject line should read: "Summer 2023 Municipal Leadership Intern."

**Position Overview:**

The just transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy is being led by cities and cannot happen without them. Cities consume more than 78% of the world's energy and produce more than 60% of GHG. At the same time, cities are making real commitments and taking significant actions towards creating a just and equitable clean energy future and a diverse climate economy for their residents. NECEC is developing a new area of work focused on supporting cities to make the just transition, engaging their residents along the way, and connecting them with NECEC's member companies to create new collaborations that will lead to decarbonization of every aspect of city life. We believe the Providence area could be a model for achieving the just transition.

To achieve the just transition, municipalities will need to adopt new technologies that will allow them to decarbonize. Climate tech startups are finding new ways every day to change the ways we produce and use energy. However, many startups aren't sure how to work with municipalities.

The selected intern will draft a guide for climate tech start ups seeking to work with municipalities to help them decarbonize, providing an overview of how to learn what municipalities are up to and the public procurement process. The intern will interview potential users of the guide with a focus on Rhode Island startups to learn what information would be most useful and then draw on the expertise of the NECEC community to create a guide that provides this information.

**Deliverables:**

The intern will prepare a guide to working with municipalities for startups and an accompanying presentation to summarize the contents of the guide. This presentation will be given to NECEC staff for feedback.

In addition, the intern will meet regularly with their supervisor for coaching and to provide updates. The intern is also invited to attend weekly NECEC staff meetings and participate in the NECEC mentorship program.

**Qualifications:**

- Be passionate about the role of municipalities in the just and equitable transition to a clean energy future and a diverse climate economy
- Have strong written and oral communications skills
- Be able to work independently, with initial guidance
- Be flexible
- Be able to tackle multiple assignments simultaneously
- Pay close attention to detail

**About NECEC:**

NECEC is the premier voice of businesses building a world-class clean energy hub in the Northeast, helping clean energy companies start, scale and succeed with our unique business, innovation and policy leadership. NECEC includes the Northeast Clean Energy Council (a nonprofit business member organization), and NECEC Institute (a nonprofit focused on industry research, innovation, policy development and communications initiatives). NECEC brings together business leaders and key stakeholders to engage in influential policy discussions and business initiatives while building connections that propel the clean energy industry forward.

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