Company Name For Job: Department of Energy

Position Title: Senior Attorney Advisor

Min Education: Juris Doctor
Min Experience: 5-7 Years
Required Travel: 10-25%

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# **Job Description**

This position is located in the Loan Programs Office ("LPO") which administers the following programs (collectively, the "LPO Programs"):

Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program, authorized under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, as amended (42 U.S.C. 16512 et seq.) ("Title XVII"). Under Title XVII, the Secretary of the Department of Energy ("DOE") has the authority to guarantee loans that finance the development of clean energy projects that avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases, and that employ new or significantly improved technologies.

## As a senior legal advisor, the incumbent in this position:

- Provides analyses, advice, guidance and assistance on issues and questions of exceptional difficulty that have a crucial influence on the LPO Programs.
- Provides interpretations, legal advice, determinations and opinions on a wide range of extraordinary, novel, controversial and complex issues and questions involving the application of advanced legal theories, concepts, principles and processes of law and procedure. These issues and questions relate to problems of a sensitive or novel nature for which little or no precedent exists, where LPO policy has not been established, and prior legal research or analysis has not been completed. In developing such interpretations, legal advice and determinations, the only available guides may be laws, federal agreements, policies and regulations of general applicability to the federal government, or fundamental principles of law and legal procedure.
- Performs significant analysis and evaluation of various alternative strategies, theories and approaches in the: (i) development of LPO and DOE interpretations of applicable law; (ii) providing legal advice to the LPO and DOE, and (iii) LPO determinations and opinions. Specifically, the incumbent analyzes, clarifies, interprets and resolves complex legal issues or problems that may impact: (a) one or more LPO Programs; (b) other DOE program offices, organizations and activities; (c) other federal, state and local agencies; (d) DOE contractors; (e) other groups; (f) national security; and (h) the scope of DOE activities.

- Prepares memoranda, opinions, and other documents supporting legal advice on the effect of regulations, rules, orders briefs, and other legal documents on the LPO and the loans and loan guarantees that it makes, issues and administers.

## **B.As legal advisor:**

- Provides analyses and assistance on legal, policy and factual issues involving direct loan programs and loan guarantee programs.
- Interprets and advises on: (a) Title XVII, ATVM, TELGP; (b) section 406 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act and other federal loan and loan guarantee programs; (b) matters related to energy related project financing and 3 regulatory requirements of general applicability; (c) the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 and 0MB Circular A-129; and (d) the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
- Negotiates and drafts the term sheets, conditional commitments and all other documents necessary to complete a loan or guarantee under the LPO Programs in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable conditional commitment, including any subsequent restructures or amendments thereto. Such documents shall include all financial, regulatory, engineering, construction, licensing, environmental and other related project financing contract documents. Coordinates the completion of such documentation with DOE and LPO staff. Supervises and coordinates the work of outside attorneys retained to assist in completing such documentation.
- Prepares legal memoranda and reports on basic laws of broad scope and impact;
- Recommends amendments to existing laws, drafts proposed legislation, and reviews and comments on legislation proposed by members of Congress and other agencies to determine the potential impact on DOE and LPO activities. Consults with other programs concerning the impact of amendments on such programs and incorporates the comments or revisions from such programs as applicable.
- Prepares correspondence, commentaries, policy statements, speeches, and testimony of DOE officials for presentation before Congressional committees and elsewhere.
- Represents the Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel of the LPO in meetings with top officials of other federal, state and local government agencies, industry groups, representatives of foreign governments, and members and committees of Congress.
- Serves on major intra-agency and interagency task forces and projects.
- Provides assistance and support in connection with litigation including the review of the record, review of and comment on draft briefs, and participation in preparatory sessions for oral argument.
- Performs other related duties as assigned by the Chief Counsel and Deputy Chief Counsel of LPO.

### **Job Requirements**

- Law License
- Official Law Degree Transcript
- Certificate of Good Standing