

Celtic Energy Farm LLC Biomass Energy Intern, Summer 2013

Celtic Energy Farm LLC seeks an intern to assist with renewable biomass energy policy and public relations work during the summer of 2013. The intern will report to the General Manager of Celtic Energy Farm, but will be assigned to work closely and regularly under the supervision and mentorship of the Administrator of the New York Biomass Energy Alliance (NYBEA), a coalition, sponsored by the New York Farm Viability Institute and the Empire State Forest Products Association.

Focus of Internship

Celtic Energy Farm has been a member of the Alliance since it was founded, in 2009. As such, it takes great interest in helping to advance the policy, public education and promotional objectives of the NYBEA. This internship will focus on assisting with the advancement of several programmatic objectives through research, administrative and communications support, including (but not limited to):

Rebranding

NYBEA will undertake a major effort in 2013 to develop compelling and consistent messages to favorably position biomass energy within public discourse of in-state sources of renewable energy. This messaging will be incorporated into NYBEA printed materials, the web site, canned slides that members can use for public presentations, responses to opportunity for public comment and testimony and, communicated to elected officials by their constituents.

Assessment of Biomass Energy Potential to Satisfy State Energy Needs

The NYBEA will work with NYSERDA to ensure attention given to biomass-based energy options is in proportion to their potential to contribute to the state's energy goals.

NYBEA Working Groups

NYBEA's Working Groups are focused on refining the role of bioenergy in the New York Renewable Portfolio Standard and State Energy Plan, treatment of bioenergy within State procurement policy, and, forwarding the equitable treatment of bioenergy as a local source of renewable energy within the State.

Other Tasks

Specific projects are undertaken in support of the NYBEA membership; as well as, other Alliance activities needed.

Qualifications

- Candidates should possess excellent research skills, and be able to both provide examples of analysis that she or he has completed independently and discuss her or his methodology and results as part of our selection process.

- Work experience demonstrating the ability to manage complex tasks with direction only in relation to general approaches and desired outcomes.
- Background in economics is a large plus. Background in energy policy, forestry, and/or agriculture will be helpful, but not essential.
- If the candidate has both some web development experience and the confidence to tackle complex tasks in this area, this will considerably broaden both the ways that the candidate can help the Alliance in its ongoing work, and the value of the internship experience.
- Experience and access to ArcGIS is desirable, but not essential.
- The work can be completed from any location, with regular meetings with Alliance leaders and staff in the Syracuse area. The intern will be expected to use her or his own computer equipment (with basic software like Word and Excel loaded), provide her or his own transportation, and to have an internet connection at a DSL speed or higher.

About Celtic Energy Farm LLC

Celtic Energy Farm LLC is a New York based biomass grower, with all operations based in Central and Northern New York State. We currently have 400 acres of established scrub willow plantations with an additional 700 acres being established in the spring of 2013. This product will supply ReEnergy green wood chip for their plants at Black River and Lyonsdale. We are also supplying a custom contract service for planting and harvesting scrub willow as needed for all landowners wanting to grow willow.

About New York Biomass Energy Alliance

The New York Biomass Energy Alliance is a coalition of individuals, businesses, and organizations working together to enhance public support and understanding of the benefits of using sustainably produced and harvested biomass as a source of renewable energy in the state and the region. The Alliance works to strengthen cooperation and communication within the family of enterprises and organizations committed to biomass energy solutions, including biomass producers, harvesting and logistics companies, research institutions, and fuel and energy production enterprises. The Alliance uses some office and other infrastructure facilities of an allied organization, but operates largely on its own through the contributed time of its business members and part-time staff. Candidates are encouraged to visit the Alliance website www.newyorkbiomass.org to learn more about the organization and its goals.