Job Description for Secondees into BEIS Technical Energy Specialist Team

Overview

This is a paid secondment position within the UK Government’s Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) central energy engineering specialist team. Based in London, the team uses a wide variety of science and engineering analysis to influence Government policy in energy and decarbonisation. In this role, you will be expected to become a vital part of our centre of technical excellence focussing on, for example, renewables, CCS, low-carbon heat, smart energy, industrial decarbonisation and low-carbon transport. You will also be expected to apply your science and engineering expertise across a wide range of BEIS’s other activities in the formulation of scientifically evidenced strategies and policies and in the setting of levies and tariffs.

The cross-cutting nature of the role means that you will work on BEIS’s highest priority issues providing expert support for policy teams and Ministers and building networks across the department. You will also develop departmental modelling best practice and capability, continuing BEIS's leadership within this field.

Specific Requirements:

- A PhD scientist or engineer with an interest in low-carbon energy. For example, a finishing PhD student who wants to get paid experience in engineering policy work while writing up their PhD or a PhD Engineering Research Associate who wishes to gain experience in low-carbon energy.
- An engineer with an interest in meeting the UK’s decarbonisation targets. The position would also suit candidates who wish to get a wider exposure to different types of science and engineering.
- As the work of the department is very varied, the candidate would be expected to have a 'pick up and run with it' mentality and be prepared to learn new skills. Prior knowledge of energy issues isn’t necessary required.
- There will be an opportunity to be involved with various research work undertaken by BEIS, with academia, industry partners & consultancies.
- As the candidate will be writing submissions to Ministers, good writing skills are required for the position.

Timing

- The secondment can start immediately after security clearance is obtained and will last for 6 months, with possibility of further extensions up to 2 years.

Other Information

- The candidate would need to security cleared before starting at BEIS.
- The candidate’s normal place of work will be at 1 Victoria Street in London, though a certain amount of home working is possible.
- The normal working hours are 37 hours per week, though flexible working arrangements are possible.
- Pay rates will be by negotiation between BEIS and the candidate, based on the candidate’s experience. Candidates must have the right to work in the UK.
- Although there is no guarantee, previous secondees have all applied for vacancies as they arise in the Department and secured permanent roles in the team during their secondment.

For more information and to apply, please contact Ian Llewellyn, Head of Technical Energy Specialists at BEIS on 0300 068 6944 or at ian.llewellyn@beis.gov.uk