



ESMC/ESMRC Ecosystem Services Market Policy and Engagement Manager Position Description

Position Location: Washington, DC Metro region

Position Term: Annual Contract Basis

Required for Consideration: Interested applicants should send a tailored cover letter and resume, along with annual compensation requirements and possible start date to info@ecosystems-services-market.org

Position Posting Close Date: Position posting will remain open until filled. Applicants will be considered on a rolling basis.

About Us: ESMC/ESMRC is a pioneering non-profit, member-based consortium dedicated to promoting and quantifying on-farm environmental benefits achieved through the transition to regenerative agricultural systems. Our groundbreaking Eco-Harvest program, backed by our advanced measurement, reporting, and verification (MRV) platform, collaborates with a diverse array of agricultural and value chain partners. Our focus areas include carbon sequestration, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, water conservation, and promoting biodiversity. These efforts contribute to global objectives such as Net Zero targets, SBTi, SBTn, and the SDG2030 goals.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve as ESMC/ESMRC's lead on public policy issues that are relevant to ESMC/ESMRC's mission and vision and the success of our agricultural ecosystem services market program.
- Identify public policy opportunities, obstacles, and barriers to a fully optimized ecosystem services market program and work to achieve beneficial outcomes for each.
- Create and Implement a strategic policy plan to track national and federal level policy issues important to the success of ESMC/ESMRC; meaningfully engaging ESMC/ESMRC's collaborative membership, stakeholders and the ESMC team to get input into and to execute the strategic plan; and for engaging stakeholders and policymakers to educate them about ESMC/ESMRC and inform them of ESMC/ESMRC issues, priorities and outcomes.
- Form and lead an ESMC/ESMRC Policy Committee to regularly engage ESMC/ESMRC Consortium members, stakeholders and team members to keep them informed of timely policy developments relevant to ESMC/ESMRC's programs, operations and activities, including through regular updates and the development of summary documents, white papers, and other educational materials.
- Develop ESMC/ESMRC position papers, white papers, case studies and relevant informational and educational materials to share as appropriate with policymakers, members, key constituencies and ESMC/ESMRC team.
- Interface with and constructively engage with the administrative and legislative branches of the US Government to support achievement of ESMC's mission, vision, and the success of its national ecosystem services market program and innovation and R&D programs, including via collaborative opportunities with ESMC/ESMRC Consortium members.
- Engage in relevant conferences, workshops and policy forums to present ESMC/ESMRC policy positions, analyses and findings to professional society and/or legislative audiences.



REPORTING AND SUPERVISION

- The contractor role will report to the ESMC/ESMRC Director of Engagement and Project Development. Alignment and engagement with the ESMC/ESMRC Executive Director and Leadership Team will also be required to ensure the ESMC leadership is apprised of appropriate updates and issues that impact ESMC/ESMRC in a manner that best serves the organization and the ESMC team.

OUR OFFER:

- Competitive compensation.
- Opportunities for professional development and growth.
- The chance to make a meaningful impact by contributing to environmental sustainability in agriculture.
- Flexible work arrangements.

ESMC/ESMRC is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

REQUIRED SKILLSETS AND EXPERIENCE

- At least 5 years professional experience in public policy role including relevant experience in the US Senate, US House of Representatives and/or US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Some knowledge/experience with US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) policies and programs impacting US agriculture is desirable.
- Working knowledge of USDA agricultural programs and policies, with strong background and experience working with agricultural conservation programs of Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Services Agency (FSA).
- The role requires good time management, writing and analytical skills; a self-starter with ability to execute necessary actions and to prioritize workload accordingly and to meet program deadlines; strong interpersonal and communication skills for leadership and team-building and coordination across ESMC/ESMRC team members, members and stakeholders. Excellent writing and organizational skills are required for document development and development of outreach and educational materials to achieve position goals and objectives.

EXPECTATIONS FOR TRAVEL

- Occasional travel to in-person meetings, conferences, workshops or trainings is expected, likely on average 2-6 times per year, but contingent on ongoing COVID circumstances.

For more information on ESMC/ESMRC: www.ecosystems-services-market.org