



Position Announcement

Alaska's Energy Desk: Collaborating Newsroom Editor

Alaska's Energy Desk, a regional journalism collaboration focused on energy and the environment in Alaska, is looking for an experienced journalist to serve as an editor for reporters based at 6 new partner stations, primarily located in rural Alaska communities.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The 2019 expansion of Alaska's Energy Desk will bring new station partners in rural parts of the state to cover local stories broadly related to energy and the environment. The stories that come from rural Alaska are truly local and truly enterprising. You can expect to be working with stories and topics that no one else is reporting. And as our new editor, you will help shape those stories for a statewide and sometimes national audience. You'll be part of 3-person editorial team with the Managing Editor and Senior Editor.

The position will be based in Juneau. But the reporters you are responsible for won't be in the office with you, so be prepared to use lots of communication methods to do your work: including email, phone, texts, Skype, Slack, cloud-based software, chat programs, and the occasional bush plane or boat ride.

More than just an editor, expect to be a coach, trainer, teacher and sometimes lifeline to talented reporters working in very small newsrooms or by themselves in isolated parts of the state.

You'll also serve as a back-up editor for the rest of the Energy Desk team and can be called upon to edit or work with non-Energy Desk reporters in the state.

This position is term-funded for 24 months with the possibility of extending beyond that.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Generate and approve story ideas from rural Alaska's Energy Desk reporters that focus on a range of issues related to energy and the environment in the state
- Work with reporters to find relevant statewide or national angles on local stories/issues
- Conduct sound and script edits for reporters located at remote stations
- Coordinate coverage with the rest of the Alaska's Energy Desk team and other reporters in the state
- Participate in weekly editorial calls with Managing Editor and Senior Editor
- Maintain daybook / schedule of stories
- Create training plan for new reporters to the Alaska's Energy Desk and the statewide public radio network
- Research and produce special reporting projects and series
- Keep current with topics and issues related to Alaska's Energy Desk coverage

Successful candidates will possess the following skills and competencies:

- Demonstrated professional experience editing reporter stories for clarity, flow, accuracy and engaging content
- Excellent writing skills, proven news judgment, and journalistic integrity
- Strong interpersonal skills and a track record of delivering productive, useful, thoughtful and constructive feedback
- Dedication to training and development of reporters
- Ability and willingness to work with remote colleagues
- Enthusiasm for local news

ABOUT US

Alaska's Energy Desk was established in 2016 with funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Current partners include Alaska Public Media in Anchorage, KTOO Public Media in Juneau, KUCB in Unalaska, KYUK in Bethel, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner in Fairbanks and KRBW in Utqiagvik.

Each week, Alaska's Energy Desk reporters produce radio and digital stories based on enterprise reporting focused on the energy industry, environmental protections, natural resource management, climate change, the economy, policy, politics and culture and lifestyle in Alaska. Stories air locally on public radio stations around the state, on a statewide nightly news program and frequently on national programs.

Deadline: Open until filled. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

Salary: Depends on experience, but starting in the high \$50k's. Plus competitive benefits including paid health insurance, retirement plan, paid leave and holidays.

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