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Title: Climate Change Reporter
Department: News
Reports to: Managing Editor, Broadcast
FSLA Status Full-time, Exempt
Salary: \$55,000 plus fringe benefits
Term: One year with possible option for extension
Version: 1.0

TO APPLY: Fill out the application form located at the bottom of this web page alaskapublic.org/about/careers/ or send a resume and cover letter to ltownsend@alaskapublic.org

Alaska Public Media is recruiting a reporter to cover climate change in one of the fastest warming places on the planet. This reporting job is a one-year position funded by a grant from NPR. This is an opportunity for an ambitious journalist to report on a wide range of climate stories, from thawing permafrost, to marine heat waves and forced village relocation. This reporter will tell the stories of the people affected and communicate to the audience why they should care.

The reporter's stories may also reach a national audience. As part of the grant, the reporter will work with an NPR climate editor regularly, who will coordinate and collaborate with our station on regional coverage. The Climate Change Reporter will attend a three-day training in Washington, D.C., in 2023 with other station reporters and the climate team.

Alaska Public Media delivers television, radio and digital content and is the source for NPR radio and PBS television for Southcentral Alaska. We are also stewards of the public media statewide news collaboration with 25 public media partners. The reporter will uphold the highest journalistic standards and ethics and work professionally with Alaska Public Media colleagues and the public.

Essential Functions:

The Climate Change Reporter will:

- Continually generate quality story ideas that go beyond basic news and delve deep into high stakes climate change issues that will help determine the future of our region and state.
- Produce in-depth and quick turn stories on the climate issues that resonate for audiences in and beyond Alaska.
- Consider and implement engagement opportunities to involve and communicate with our audience on climate change issues.

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- Radio and digital stories will be the primary focus for the reporter, but the job may also include taking photos and video and producing multimedia packages.
- Take part in various news, public affairs and election programs for radio, TV and digital.
- Collaborate with other AKPM staff on various news and public affairs projects.

Duties and Responsibilities:

In addition to the above functions, the Climate Change reporter will:

- Stay current with local, state and national climate change issues.
- Perform in a deadline-driven news environment.
- Multitask and work across multiple media platforms.
- Work collegially in a team-based atmosphere.
- Adhere to professional journalistic styles and practices, including, but not limited to Alaska Public Media styles and rules.
- Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications:

- 3-5 years experience working in a news, communication, publication, broadcast or Web environment.
- Ability to work collegially with multiple stakeholders and audiences.

Desired Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree or commensurate experience.
- Skill in on-air performance and audio production.
- Understanding reporting (writing, photography, video) for digital.
- Competency in broadcasting operations and editing (audio, video, photo) software.
- Familiarity with public radio news programming.

Allowable Substitution

If necessary, alternative combinations of education and experience will be evaluated by the Human Resources Office for comparability.

Competencies:

- Act in accordance with AKPM policies.
- Support AKPM compliance efforts with FCC, CPB, NPR and PBS rules and regulations

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- Communicate effectively.
- Apply critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Maintain positive relationships with both internal and external customers.
- Demonstrate consistent outstanding customer service.
- Proficient at computer use to include office software products, custom software packages, internet and e-mail.
- Consistently demonstrate ethical behavior.
- Must exercise good judgment for the prompt completion of responsibilities.

Employee Expectations:

Must be able to work in a constantly changing environment with demonstrated ability to juggle and prioritize multiple, competing tasks and demands while seeking supervisory assistance as appropriate.

Physical Demands:

The physical demands described here are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of this job.

The employee is regularly required to stand, walk and sit; use hands to handle or feet; reach with hands and arms; talk and hear. The employee is occasionally required to stoop, kneel, crouch or crawl. The employee must be able to lift and/or move up to 40 pounds.

Work Environment:

The work environment characteristics described here are typical of a television/radio broadcast office environment and representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations will be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform essential functions.

The noise level in the work environment is usually moderate.

Alaska Public Media is an equal opportunity employer.

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(Date)

Employee's signature _____