



Governors' South Atlantic Alliance

Regional Coordinator

Position Announcement

The Governors' South Atlantic Alliance

Established in 2009, the Governors' South Atlantic Alliance is a volunteer partnership led by the Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida and supported by federal and state agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other partners. The mission of the Governors' South Atlantic Alliance (GSAA) is to increase regional collaboration among South Atlantic states, with federal agency partners and other stakeholders, and sustain and enhance the environmental (coastal/marine), natural resource, economic, public safety, social, and national defense missions of the respective states and the South Atlantic region.

The GSAA released its draft Action Plan for public review and comment in fall 2010, and finalized the Action Plan in December 2010. An Implementation Plan was subsequently developed and released in July 2011. The Action and Implementation Plans focus on four priority topic areas: healthy ecosystems, working waterfronts, clean coastal and ocean waters, and disaster-resilient communities. Each priority area contains specific goals, actions, and objectives designed to protect and promote the invaluable natural, cultural, and economic resources of each state and the region as a whole. Further information can be found at www.southatlanticalliance.org.

Primary Responsibilities and Conditions

GSAA will hire a full-time Regional Coordinator for one year to coordinate the activities of the GSAA and its Steering Group and Executive Planning Team. Employment beyond one year may be possible, but will depend on future funding availability and the incumbent's performance. The Regional Coordinator will be hired by the South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium, GSAA's fiscal agent. The Regional Coordinator will be responsible for managing GSAA project activities; organizing and convening Steering Group and Executive Planning Team meetings; representing GSAA throughout the Southeast region with stakeholders, partners, and collaborators; coordinating GSAA business planning; assisting with GSAA outreach and communications; and coordinating with federal agencies and other regional ocean partnerships.

This is a full-time position. Time may be required outside the normal 40-hour week to meet obligations and deadlines. Travel throughout the four-state region, including overnight, is required as needed; out-of-region travel may also be required. Compensation commensurate with experience; expected salary range is \$50,000 to \$60,000, plus health insurance. Workplace location is negotiable within the southeastern U.S. region, but preference is Charleston, S.C.

Required and Desired Qualifications

The position requires a dynamic and motivated individual with at least five years of experience in coastal or ocean policy, planning, and/or management; program and project management; and proposal writing. In addition, the individual should be able to demonstrate the ability to:



- Meet deadlines and coordinate and manage projects;
- Work both independently and in a team-setting;
- Multi-task and manage complex issues, challenges, and interests; and
- Communicate effectively and work with elected officials, policymakers, resource managers, scientists, stakeholders, and citizen leaders in the public and private sectors.

The individual must also have:

- Working knowledge of coastal and ocean use, management, policy, and science issues and opportunities in the southeastern U.S. region;
- Experience with preparation and management of proposals funded by federal and state agencies, NGOs, and private parties, including project administration (e.g., progress reports; performance measures; impact statements);
- Some experience with strategic/business planning; and
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, and computer fluency with word processing, spreadsheet, database, and presentation applications.

To Apply

Interested candidates should prepare and submit an application package that must include a cover letter which summarizes interest in and qualifications for the position; a detailed CV or resume; three references, including name, title, and contact information (mail and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers); and salary history.

Applications will be reviewed by a GSAA search committee, and interviews will be arranged with the leading candidates. The GSAA Steering Group will select the preferred candidate. Additional written materials may be requested from those candidates who are invited to interview with the selection panel.

Applicants should submit, either by hard copy or by e-mail, the complete application package to:

Ms. Elaine Knight
Assistant Director
S.C. Sea Grant Consortium
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Charleston, SC 29401
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This position is available immediately. Review of applications will begin on February 20, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

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