

## Job Announcement

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### Washington Maritime Blue Vice President of Projects and Strategy

Location: Negotiable – Seattle, WA preferred

Closing Date: Open until filled

Direct Applicants Only – No Third-Party Agencies

\*\*See below under Additional Information for directions on how to apply\*\*

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#### Washington Maritime Blue

Washington Maritime Blue is a non-profit, strategic alliance formed to accelerate innovation and sustainability in support of an inclusive blue economy. With a mission to implement [Washington State's Strategy for the Blue Economy](#) delivered by Governor Jay Inslee's Maritime Innovation Advisory Council, we are a partnership between industry, public sector, research & training institutions, and community organizations. Maritime Blue works to create a world-class, thriving, equitable, and sustainable maritime and ocean industry through knowledge sharing, joint innovation, entrepreneurship, commercialization, business, and workforce development.

#### *Joint Innovation Projects*

Maritime Blue provides a platform for collaborative R&D, Joint Innovation Projects (JIPs), business development, and teaming for grant opportunities to implement demonstration projects and drive early-stage technology to commercialization. Modeling other global centers of excellence, we use the collective strength of our Cluster to implement the State's Strategy for the Blue Economy and collaborate to share resources, take advantage of funding mechanisms, and support strategic and feasibility planning.

#### Position Description

The Washington Maritime Blue Vice President of Projects and Strategy will partner with the President/CEO and work as part of the Executive Management Team to strategically advance the development and implementation of Joint Innovation Projects, stakeholder management, and partnership building. This role will be responsible for supporting members and partner organizations to co-create key demonstration projects through a collaborative and whole systems design-process. They will coordinate fundraising efforts, communications, contracting, research and reporting in coordination with project partners and the Executive Management Team. This position will staff the Board of Directors Working Committee for Joint Innovation Projects and report deliverables directly to the Executive Committee.

## Qualifications

This is an extraordinary opportunity for an individual with team management experience to grow and further develop a proven program. The successful candidate will lead programs, work collaboratively with a large and diverse group of members, partners and stakeholders, and partner with the President/CEO on strategic priorities. **Specific requirements include:**

- At least 10 years of experience in project management and leadership preferably in the maritime, ocean, and/or clean technology sectors.
- Highly organized and ability to wear multiple hats in an ambiguous, fast-moving environment; a driving force who manages toward clarity and solutions
- A successful track record in setting priorities, shaping processes, guiding investment in people and systems, and developing an infrastructure that creates a stronger and more efficient organization
- Strong project management skills managing complex, multifaceted projects resulting in measurable successes and program growth
- A consummate team player with a flexible and creative approach
- Excellent communication and coalition building skills with an ability to balance, negotiate, and work with a variety of internal and external stakeholders; high level of knowledge and understanding, especially as it relates to program replication, connecting programs to funding, creatively generating other resources, and building strategic partnerships
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a commitment to Washington Maritime Blue's mission

*You will feel prepared to take on this role if you have experience in:*

- Working independently while maintaining effective working relationships with co-workers, supervisors, customers, and the general public.
- Engaging multi-stakeholder/partner groups that are mission driven in order to successfully create and implement strategic and operational plans, deliver excellence in project development and planning.
- Working effectively with colleagues and partners from the full range of differences reflected in our community, including but not limited to ableness/disability, age, economic/social class, English proficiency, race /ethnicity, family status, gender identity and expression, national origin/citizenship status, religion/spiritual expression, and sexual orientation.

*You will be successful if you feel passionate about:*

- Working for industry growth and investment, addressing climate action / ecological health, and equitable community development in the maritime and ocean sectors – the Blue Economy.
- Working with multiple stakeholders, including: industry, government, research, non-profit and community leaders; labor organizations, tribes, elected officials, investors, educators, youth and co-workers.

*Your effectiveness in this role will depend on your ability to:*

- Communicate effectively, orally and in writing, while working in a fast-paced environment on a cross-functional team.
- Use creative problem-solving and demonstrate exceptional results with limited resources
- Be efficient, resilient, and flexible.
- Take a consultative and customer service-oriented approach to problem-solving.
- Successfully manage competing priorities.
- Work in an environment that is welcoming, open, transparent, curious, collaborative, challenging, results-driven, and fun!
- Create, nurture, and leverage deep relationships throughout the region's maritime, ocean, technology and manufacturing sectors along with a diversity of community and youth leaders.

## Work Environment

Washington Maritime Blue is headquartered in Seattle, WA with partners, stakeholders, projects and sites across the state of Washington. Remote work is supported with the expectation that staff are able to meet regularly in person as health and safety dictate.

- Office Environment with occasional project site visits (exposure to computer screens)
- Must be able to travel domestically and internationally (when safe and appropriate)
- Noise level is usually moderate

## Demonstration of Commitment to Equity and Social Justice

Washington Maritime Blue has a committed goal to demonstrate an equity mindset. We are seeking individuals who can demonstrate both awareness of equity and social justice issues as well as actively combat inequalities.

## Additional Information

To be considered for this position, **please submit a single pdf with a cover letter and resume to [info@maritimeblue.org](mailto:info@maritimeblue.org). Please use the subject line and name the file using "Your Name\_VP of Projects and Strategy Position"**. Applications will be read on a first-come-first-served basis and the position will remain open until filled. In your cover letter, please describe how your knowledge, skills, and abilities prepare you for the job responsibilities and qualifications outlined in this job announcement.

## Who may apply

Washington Maritime Blue encourages people of all backgrounds to apply, including people of color, immigrants, refugees, women, LGBTQ, people with disabilities, veterans, and those with diverse life experience. This position is open to all qualified candidates that meet the minimum qualifications. Washington Maritime Blue values diverse perspectives and life experiences. Applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, ages, sexual orientation, or gender identity. **Direct applicants only, please no third-party applications.**

## Questions

Please Contact: [info@maritimeblue.org](mailto:info@maritimeblue.org)