

Executive Director of Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE)

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About Los Angeles Community Choice Energy

Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE) aspires to be a national leader in providing members with choices of lower cost, greener, and locally-produced energy by creating a model for a new, sustainable 21st century economy. We intend to administer a wide range of locally-tailored customer programs (such as energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, and electric transportation) using not only energy sales revenues, but also public benefits funding along with other public and private resources. LACCE seeks to support local workforce training and development by building and operating renewable energy generation facilities throughout the county and supporting distributed energy resources. It is our goal that the citizens of Los Angeles county benefit from LACCE by having a true choice in their energy provider and local control of the design and implementation of energy rates and programs while creating economic savings, a cleaner environment, and a new source for sustainable jobs.

LACCE is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) comprised of the County of Los Angeles, and the cities of Calabasas, Rolling Hills Estates, South Pasadena, and West Hollywood. LACCE is actively recruiting additional cities throughout Los Angeles County to join the JPA and is scheduled to finalize its initial member agency list by the end of 2017. Each member agency appoints a director to the JPA's governing board. LACCE will serve over 1 million residents and has the potential to expand to twice or more than that in the near future.

LACCE's purpose is to form, launch, and operate a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)/Joint Powers Authority (JPA) agency that will provide customers across the jurisdictions of its member cities and county with cleaner, lower cost, and more local energy that is administered locally on behalf of the communities of Los Angeles. LACCE will offer multiple power products customers can choose from with

the intention of providing electricity that is sourced more locally and renewably than the incumbent investor-owned utility's products and provided at competitive rates. In addition, LACCE will invest in local projects and customer programs to spur local economic development.

Position Summary

The Executive Director (ED) will be responsible for the continued development and operation of the LACCE organization as it moves from its initial start-up phase to providing power to residents and businesses in Los Angeles county. The ED will be responsible for carrying out Board policy, such as directing all LACCE activities including operations, resource procurement and planning, energy infrastructure development, finance, legal and regulatory affairs, external communications and strategic planning. The ED will report to the LACCE Board of Directors and will work with a variety of stakeholders.

The ideal candidate will have: (1) a proven record of visionary thought-leadership and innovation in the development and operation of a business, nonprofit organization, or government program, (2) a thorough knowledge of the administrative, operational, and regulatory sides of the electric power industry, (3) a demonstrated history of working collaboratively with stakeholders from across the spectrum, strong executive leadership and decision-making skills, (4) an earned reputation for honesty, integrity and transparency, extensive management experience including experience supporting a Board of Directors, (5) a strong sense of personal and professional ethics, and (6) an understanding of government and politics.

Responsibilities

Organization Planning and Management

- Develop and implement a short, medium, and long-term strategic plan for the LACCE organization in close collaboration with LACCE's Board of Directors and the broader stakeholder community.

- Provide staff support to the LACCE Authority Board of Directors, including preparing or overseeing the preparation of staff reports and recommendations, providing expert advice to the Board on technical and policy matters, and ensuring open and honest communications between the staff and the Board.
- Guide the procurement and, ultimate development, of power resources, with a focus on local renewable energy projects and distributed energy resources.
- Conduct or oversee rate design and analysis and make recommendations to the Board on rates across all customer classes.
- Ensure adequate risk management of the power portfolio including developing and implementing hedging and other core strategies to protect LACCE against market dynamics.
- Develop and implement new and innovative customer programs including energy efficiency, renewables, electric transportation, and others.
- Solicit, negotiate, and oversee the administration of key LACCE contracts such as with energy service providers and other external consultants.
- Develop program policies to guide LACCE operations to ensure transparent, ethical, and professional administration of the program.
- Prepare and administer the annual operating budget to ensure the short and long term financial stability of LACCE.
- Develop or oversee the development of a strong financial for LACCE to ensure its long-term success.
- Stay abreast of regulatory and legislative developments and how they may affect operation of the LACCE, while ensuring LACCE's interests are heard.

Staffing

- Build and manage a high-performing and effective team of staff and contractors in the engineering and operational aspects of energy systems, power procurement, the economics of retail and wholesale electricity markets including rate setting and risk management, renewable power development, state and federal regulatory frameworks and procedures, and communications and outreach.

Community Outreach

- Promote growth of LACCE through presentations to prospective members.
- Ensure regular, effective, and collaborative communications with stakeholders to inform and guide the LACCE program development and operation in a way that serves Board priorities, interests, and needs.
- Serve as the primary spokesperson for LACCE including making public presentations, addressing the media, collaborating with individuals and groups of citizens, and explaining and interpreting LACCE programs, policies, and activities.
- Reviewing and responding to Board member and stakeholder requests and complaints and negotiating and resolving sensitive, significant, and controversial issues.
- Participating on and representing LACCE to a variety of committees, commissions, meetings, hearing, and other functions including before in the legislature and at regulatory agencies.

Program Development

- Together with the Board of Directors and stakeholders, develop and implement a vision for LACCE program operations to ensure lower cost, greener, and more local energy products and services
- Lead program innovation to ensure that LACCE serves as an industry leader.
- Plan and recommend program and policy direction for LACCE that implements various Board approved plans and documents including but not limited to: LACCE's Joint Powers Agreement, LACCE's Implementation Plan, Business Plan and Integrated Resource Plan(s).
- Develop public and private funding opportunities and obtain new financial resources to support LACCE's goals and programs.

Qualifications

Education: Any combination of educational coursework and training which would provide the necessary knowledge and abilities for the position such as: a degree from an accredited university with emphasis in energy, environment, engineering, natural sciences, public administration, public policy,

business administration, economics, finance or a closely related field. A Master's Degree is a plus but not required, depending on experience.

Experience: Any combination of experience and training that complements and expands competencies beyond educational credentials such as 8-10 years of full-time executive management experience supervising professional staff and consultants engaged in energy-related fields, including specific experience in utility management, financial analysis and budgeting, program and organizational operations, and Board and stakeholder engagement and collaboration.

Compensation

Highly competitive salary and benefits are negotiable based on qualifications.

Application Process

To be considered for this opportunity, please submit a cover letter, detailed resume with salary history, and three work-related references to Matt Skolnik by no later than close of business on Monday, November 27, 2017. Note that the LACCE Board may begin reviewing applications and interviewing candidates prior to this deadline.

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