

New York City Benchmarking Help Center Project Manager

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In partnership with the New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability (MOS) and the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB), the CIUS BPL will launch the New York City Benchmarking Help Center (Help Center) in Fall 2015 to support building owners who are required to comply with Local Law 84 of 2009 (LL84) to annually submit energy and water consumption data to the City of New York in a process called energy benchmarking. The Help Center will be a live customer support service with the following goals: support building owners who must comply with LL84; increase overall benchmarking compliance, and improve data quality by assisting building owners who have been notified of data errors in their benchmarking submission. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/ll84.

The Benchmarking Help Center Project Manager will be highly experienced in customer service and project management, and will be an expert in energy and water benchmarking, energy efficiency in buildings, and related policies and programs in New York City to drive the adoption of energy efficiency in buildings. She or he will work as part of a team together with the Help Center Project Associate and the Technical Director - supervising and directing the work of the Project Associate and reporting to the Technical Director - to manage the operations of the Help Center. This will largely consist of assisting New York City's agencies in the goal of responding to inquiries concerning compliance with LL84, providing public outreach to educate building owners and service providers on benchmarking requirements, and providing email and phone outreach regarding the use of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager® online tool (more info is available at www.energystar.gov/portfoliomanager).

Detailed Responsibilities:

- Undertake self-study and/or courses necessary to achieve the Certificate of Proficiency in Energy Benchmarking® from New Jersey Institute of Technology.
- Deliver best practices in data gathering for electricity, natural gas, steam and fuel oil. Achieve mastery of processes in Portfolio Manager through practice and training.
- Train and supervise/manage the Project Associate.

- Conduct outreach/promotion to the real estate community around LL84 and the Benchmarking Help Center.
- Respond to building owner and service provider email, phone and mail inquiries regarding compliance with LL84 data submission process.
- Develop a systematic process for responding to customer inquiries. Create scalable solutions to respond to and reach out to building owners and service providers; triage correspondences that come through the Help Center and coordinate with MOS.
- Drive the adoption of technology solutions to assist in help center processes.
- Document and report to the Technical Director on frequently asked questions and provide suggestions on additional support that would provide help to property owners/managers seeking to comply with energy performance disclosure.
- Assist MOS and provide information and coordination activities with local utilities on frequently asked questions and process steps for attaining whole building data for use in Portfolio Manager.
- Lead efforts to train service providers and mid-sized building owners who are new to LL84 via in-person workshops and online webinars.
- Analyze reported data to determine frequent errors and respond to owner/service provider inquiries related to errors.
- Lead efforts to create/update "how-to" guides for successful compliance with energy performance disclosure, in collaboration with relevant City agencies. Also provide recommendations and support for website updates on the City's benchmarking website.
- Work with Technical Director to develop strategic plans, respond to changes and new needs that may arise over the course of the project, determine best practices and standard operating procedures.

Requirements:

Master's degree in any of the following, or related, fields: Public Policy, Urban Studies, City Planning, Sustainability Studies/Environmental Studies, Environmental Engineering, Business Management.

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Bachelor's degree PLUS minimum 5 years of experience in project management/program administration.

All candidates must have prior work experience in project management, customer service/client relations, and data analysis. Knowledge/familiarity with, or experience in, energy efficiency, LL84, Portfolio Manager, is ideal.

Compensation:

The position is available for one year, with possibility of renewal. The candidate will be considered an employee of the Research Foundation of CUNY. Competitive salary plus fringe benefits including full coverage health and dental insurance, paid sick and annual leave, life and disability insurance, retirement plan, and pre-tax flex-spending plans for health and commuting expenses. CUNY is an equal opportunity employer.

To Apply:

Interested candidates may submit their application materials online at
<https://www.rfcuny.org/careers/postings?pvnID=CC-1510-000796>.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Only serious candidates will be considered and contacted for interview.