JOB DESCRIPTION: FREELANCE CLIMATE AND ENERGY REPORTER/RESEARCHER

Liberty Science Center (LSC) is seeking an experienced climate and energy reporter to help shape a new series of exhibits. The series aims to present advances in sustainable technology, from wind power to carbon capture, by showcasing innovative work. The reporter’s main goal is to identify technology projects that LSC can demonstrate, either by displaying labs’ or companies’ actual functioning prototypes or by creating replicas. A secondary goal is to identify artists exploring the climate and energy space.

While this isn’t a traditional journalism job, it calls for the same investigative skills; think of it as a magazine package writ in three dimensions. The ideal candidate is someone well-versed in clean energy and other climate solutions who has extensive contacts in both industry and academia. The reporter will cast a broad net, interview scientific leaders and independent inventors, vet emerging technologies with outside experts, and pinpoint prototypes and models that are worthy and capable of being exhibited.

The work will take place over the course of approximately three months. It will involve several collaborative check-in meetings (which could be virtual) with LSC’s Exhibition Design & Development team to discuss the reporter’s findings to date and determine which directions to pursue further. The final deliverable will be a document summarizing the reporter’s research, with descriptions, references, and contacts for recommended projects.

This is a contract job with a competitive pay rate to be negotiated between the candidate and Liberty Science Center. There may be opportunities for further contract work during future phases of the exhibits’ development.

To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and links to published articles to Lauren Aaronson, Senior Exhibition Developer & Project Manager, at laaronson@lsc.org.

About Liberty Science Center: LSC is a 300,000-square-foot learning center located in Liberty State Park on the Jersey City bank of the Hudson near the Statue of Liberty. The Science Center houses 12 museum exhibition halls, a live animal collection with 110 species, giant aquariums, a 3D theater, live simulcast surgeries, hurricane- and tornado-force wind simulators, K-12 classrooms and labs, teacher-development programs, and the Western Hemisphere's biggest planetarium—the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium and LSC Giant Dome Theater. More than 750,000 students, teachers, and parents visit Liberty Science Center each year, and tens of thousands more participate in the Center’s off-site and online programs.