

Communications Assistant

CPWR–The Center for Construction Research and Training (www.cpwr.com) is the non-profit 501(c)(3) research, development and training arm of the North America’s Building Trades Unions. Located in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland, close to Metro and public parking, CPWR focuses on eliminating injuries, illnesses, and fatalities among construction workers.

CPWR is seeking a full-time Communications Assistant to work with other staff and external partners to support the development and distribution of content across a range of communications vehicles, with the goal of increasing engagement with people working in or with the construction industry. The successful candidate will become part of the team leading the organization’s external communications and research to practice efforts to improve awareness and uptake of safer tools, work practices, and other solutions. The position will be involved with website management, email marketing, webinar management and promotion, media relations, content creation, publications development, and branding.

Responsibilities:

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Working effectively with staff, researchers, and industry members to develop materials for publication and to create campaigns that raise the industry’s knowledge of safety and health risks and solutions.
- Contributing to website management, especially content development.
- Contributing to email marketing, including creating messages and managing lists.
- Proofing and editing materials to ensure they are accurate, use correct spelling and grammar, maintain a consistent tone, and communicate core messages and values.
- Assisting with research and development of content for reports, educational materials, articles, news items, and press releases.
- Assisting with the design, formatting, and lay out of reports, educational materials, and other resources.
- Supporting media relations efforts, including developing background materials and identifying opportunities.
- Identifying photographs and graphics for print and online media and helping maintain a library of these images.
- Promoting the organization’s resources at industry events and conferences.
- Supporting social media efforts, including developing graphics for use on various channels.
- Tracking the organization’s reach through use of Google Analytics, Google Tag Manager, YouTube analytics, and other metrics.
- Supporting CPWR’s monthly Informational Webinar Series, including maintaining attendance reports, sending promotional and follow-up emails, and acting as a host or support for the host on the live webinars.
- [For Spanish-speaking candidates] Assisting with the translation of resources, surveys, social media messaging, and other various other communications from English into Spanish.

Qualifications:

- At least 3 years of work, volunteer, or student experience in communications.
- B.A./B.S. in Communications, Journalism, Health Communications, or related field.
- Experience using website content management tools, especially WordPress;

- Salesforce or other databases; and Constant Contact or similar email systems.
- Strong writing, editing, proofing and verbal communication skills.
- Some understanding of basic graphic design as it relates to developing educational and promotional resources such as infographics, social media images, and website graphics.
- Experience using Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, or other design software to develop graphics and/or resources.
- Excellent interpersonal skills, including the ability to work with staff at all levels, interact with external partners, and represent the organization to the public.
- Excellent organizational skills, including strong attention to details, and the ability to conduct and coordinate multiple tasks under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Ability both to take direction and to work independently, taking initiative within areas of responsibility.
- Positive attitude and ability to adjust to changing priorities and growing responsibilities.
- Limited national and local travel may be necessary.
- Spanish a plus.

CPWR–The Center for Construction Research and Training does not sponsor applicants for work visas.

Compensation Package:

Salary: \$55,000 to \$60,000, based on qualifications and experience

CPWR offers an exceptional benefits package including:

- Employer-supported participation in the United Healthcare medical, dental, vision and life insurance plan for employee and all dependents
- Employer paid participation in the AFL-CIO defined benefit pension plan (vesting after 3 years)
- Participation in the AFL-CIO 401(k) plan with employer match
- Paid vacation and sick leave
- 13 paid holidays each calendar year
- Hybrid work schedule: 2-3 days/week will be in office, others are remote; relaxed work environment
- 35-hour work week

Equal Employment Opportunity.

To Apply:

Email resume, cover letter and two recent writing samples to jobpostings@cpwr.com. Include Communications Specialist and applicant name in the subject line.

The cover letter must describe your experiences relevant to the job description as outlined, and the expected salary range. CPWR will contact eligible candidates.