

Contract Evaluator
Will Steger Foundation

Status: contract, August 1, 2014- June 30, 2016

Compensation: \$10,000

Organizational Summary

The Will Steger Foundation educates and empowers people to engage in solutions to climate change. Building on the experience of our founder, Will Steger, polar explorer, science educator, and advocate, the Will Steger Foundation is unique in its approach to climate change. We recognize that youth will inherit the unparalleled impacts of climate change and are among our most powerful advocates. We also recognize educators are critical messengers of climate and energy literacy, and schools and non-formal learning centers provide powerful examples of sustainability in communities. With these factors guiding our approach, we are having a tangible impact on addressing climate change through climate literacy, youth leadership, and citizen engagement.

The Will Steger Foundation's education program supports educators, students and the public with science-based interdisciplinary educational resources on climate change, its implications and solutions to achieve climate literacy. The education program's primary audience has historically been educators served through yearly Summer Institutes for Climate Change and Energy Education, workshops and curricula resources. A recent funding allocation from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund has made it possible to more extensively broaden the program's reach beyond the classroom and into the public sphere- providing educational forums throughout Minnesota over the next two years.

Duties and responsibilities:

The Will Steger Foundation is hiring a contract evaluator to design, implement and complete an evaluation of a public education project, *Educating Minnesotans about Potential Impacts of a Changing Climate*, recently funded through Minnesota's Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. The project deliverables include:

- 1) a series of 12 public forums that includes municipal officials and 2-4 educator workshops that highlight local experts and resources and build capacity;
- 2) establishment and ongoing support of peer groups focused on telling "climate stories" and behavior change to mitigate climate change;
- 3) educational materials including a new television production and video segments, and a website that features the resources, shared at events and online.

The workplan can be found [here](http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/projects/2014-index.html#201409e) (http://www.lccmr.leg.mn/projects/2014-index.html#201409e)

Key responsibilities include:

- Work collaboratively with the Will Steger Foundation to develop and create and revise evaluation instruments designed to measure program efficacy and behavior change through program participation
- Synthesize and share research on behavior change and effective climate change communication
- Analyze the resulting data, and report and interpret results to Will Steger Foundation.

Experience and Qualification requirements:

1. Excellent project management and organizational skills
2. Excellent written, interpersonal, and verbal communication skills.
3. Interest in environmental education and outreach.
4. Masters or equivalent experience in Evaluation, specifically evaluating education and/or public programs.
5. Proven ability to develop, implement, and communicate the results of formative and summative evaluations.
6. Computer proficiency (MS Word, Excel) required.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications will be accepted until July 15th. Please submit resume and cover letter to address below. No phone calls please. Once the position has been filled, additional applicants will not be considered. **Please include in the subject heading your full name and the position title.**

jobs@willstegerfoundation.org

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