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Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR)

Job Title: General Counsel (Acting)  
Department: Executive - Legal  
Location: New York City + Remote Hybrid (3 days onsite/2 days remote) *  
Job Type: Temporary to Permanent **  
Salary: $180,000 Annually

*This role requires 3 days per week in office.  
** The selected candidate for this role will be initially onboarded through a temporary staffing agency pending the clearance of NY State vetting processes for General Counsel appointees.

Organization Summary
Established in June 2013 following the occurrence of Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and Superstorm Sandy, the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR) was created to centralize recovery and rebuilding efforts in impacted areas of New York State. GOSR addresses communities’ most urgent needs, while encouraging the identification of innovative and enduring solutions to strengthen the State’s infrastructure and critical systems. Operating under the umbrella of New York Rising, GOSR utilizes funding made available by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) program to concentrate aid to four main areas—Housing Recovery, Small Business, Community Reconstruction, and Infrastructure. Now in its eleventh year, GOSR faces a dual mandate -the original programs are in closeout phase in advance of the September 2023 deadline, and simultaneously, becoming a permanent State unit under Homes and Community Renewal (HCR).

Job Summary:
The General Counsel serves on GOSR’s Executive Team, which is composed of the agency’s highest-ranking officers, with overall responsibility for consistent achievement of GOSR’s mission as well as management and oversight of the organization. The responsibility of the General Counsel is to lead corporate strategic and tactical legal initiatives. The General Counsel provides senior management with effective advice on program and operations strategies and their implementation, manages the legal function, obtains and oversees the work of outside counsel, and in-house counsel staff.

Responsibilities will include but are not limited to:
- Participating in the definition and development of corporate policies, procedures and programs and provides continuing counsel and guidance on legal matters and on legal implications of all matters.
- Serving as chief legal advisor.
- Assessing the merits of litigation filed against or on behalf of the GOSR, working with the appropriate executive(s) to define a strategic defense, case strategies, and approves the settlement of disputes where warranted.
- Ensuring that GOSR conducts its business in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- Structuring and managing GOSR’s internal legal function and staff.
- Selecting, managing, and evaluating the work of outside counsel.
- Advising on legal aspects of the GOSR’s current and future business structures, financing and legal entities.

Qualifications:
- Law degree and admitted to practice in New York State required. Minimum of 15 years of experience, with at least 10 years of litigation or regulatory experience, with significant experience in a leadership/ supervisory capacity.
- Ability to communicate effectively with a variety of contacts, including outside attorneys, senior management, business associates, elected officials, and the public.
- Experience working on matters of corporate governance and with a board of directors is preferred.
- Experience working in or on behalf of government entities is preferred.
- Knowledge of federal Community Development Block Grants and related regulatory requirements preferred.
- Experience managing other attorneys and supervising support staff in a corporation or legal environment is required as well as experience with cost effective management of outside legal resources.

If interested:
All candidates must submit a resume to goshrinfo@stormrecovery.ny.gov. Please include the name of the position that you are applying for in the subject line. We cannot interpret omissions or vagueness in your favor. You are responsible for an accurate and clear description of your training, work experience, and how you meet the qualifications of the position you are applying for. Please set forth all relevant employment history, including the name of each employer, dates of employment and titles held. Be sure to describe the nature of the work that you personally performed for each position held. If you had supervisory responsibilities, state how many people you supervised and the nature of such supervision.

The Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer committed to excellence and diversity. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply.