



# RISING SUN

## CENTER FOR OPPORTUNITY

### **CLIMATE CAREERS: SMART THERMOSTAT SPECIALIST**

#### **Organization and Program:**

Rising Sun Center for Opportunity (formerly Rising Sun Energy Center) is a premier non-profit organization working at the intersection of economic equality and climate resilience in the greater Bay Area and San Joaquin County. We offer two programs, Climate Careers, and Opportunity Build, that provide youth and adults the training and experience necessary to access sustainable career pathways and to maximize their potential.

Climate Careers (formally known as California Youth Energy Services) combines home energy-saving services with youth development. Our no-cost residential Green House Call service consists of energy and water audits and efficiency device installations, along with a client educational component. Youth program participants deliver the service to thousands of homes every year. These youth participants, ages 15-24 from disadvantaging circumstances, gain valuable experience, participate in career and sustainability-focused workshops, and earn while they learn. Climate Careers empowers young people to find career success, helps residents lower their utility bills, and strengthens communities in the face of economic and environmental challenges.

#### **Job Summary**

The Smart Thermostat Specialist position directly installs Smart Thermostats in homes throughout the greater Bay Area, while simultaneously coaching thermostat recipients how to use the device to further lower their heating and cooling energy consumption.

This position calls for someone who thrives in a fast-paced environment, is self-directed in an independent work structure, and has strong customer relationship and service skills. A successful candidate will be equally hard-working, industrious, and efficient. The Smart Thermostat Specialist will work under the direction of Rising Sun's Home Energy Coach and is jointly responsible for hitting all installation goals.

#### **Job Details:**

- 40 hours/week, temporary, non-exempt
- \$16.50/hour plus mileage reimbursement at the federal rate (\$0.58 cents per mile)
- Schedule:
  - Training dates: July 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9:30 am-6:00 pm

- Job dates: July 8th until September 27th with possible extension
- Working hours: 10:00-6:30 pm
- Office locations: Oakland or Stockton (depending on your location)

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Install no-cost smart home thermostats (Nest Thermostat E) in 2-4 homes per day, throughout the Bay Area or San Joaquin County (by appointment and in conjunction with a pre-existing Green House Call program, or independently scheduled)
- Assist the Home Energy Coach as needed to run the Home Energy Analytics program, including, but not limited to:
  - coaching residents in energy-saving behavior
  - conducting outreach
  - scheduling appointments by phone
  - daily tracking of materials and inventory.
- Educate residents on the newly installed smart thermostat and the associated mobile phone app
- Learn about home energy efficiency and how smart thermostats can help save money on utility bills

**As a Smart Thermostat Specialist, you MUST:**

- Be 18 years old or older
- Have a car, valid driver's license, and motor vehicle insurance
- Be able to pass a motor vehicle record check with a safe driving record
- Be able to pass a criminal background check
- Be able to travel throughout the Bay Area and Stockton daily
- Be available to work from July 1st up to September 27th with possible extension
- Be able to maintain a professional appearance and attitude, including adhering to the dress code (Rising Sun provides uniform polo shirts)
- Be an effective communicator with strong customer service skills
- Be comfortable with basic electric and tool skills, or willing to learn these skills

**It's not just another job** – it's a chance to participate in a program where you can make a difference in your community and for the environment while gaining valuable skills and work experience!

**READY TO APPLY?**

Please email your resume and cover letter to [hea@risingsunopp.org](mailto:hea@risingsunopp.org) and include "Smart Thermostat Specialist" in the subject line. Or, you can apply on our website:

[www.risingsunopp.org/jobs](http://www.risingsunopp.org/jobs)

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