



# Pacific Power Association

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### SENIOR ADVISER – POWER SECTOR

The Pacific Power Association (PPA), located in the Fiji Islands, wishes to appoint a self-motivated Senior Adviser-Power Sector, with experience in power utilities in small island states, who is actively looking for a challenging position in the largest region in the world, the Pacific Islands. This Senior Adviser must have a professional attitude, be enthusiastic and be able to work directly with the local staff of these small island utilities to assist them to improve the technical and economic performance of their utilities so they can minimize operating costs in the face of volatile fuel prices.

An equal opportunity employer, the Pacific Power Association (PPA) is an Association of twenty five (25) power utilities in the Pacific Islands located in the Western and Southern Pacific Ocean. Its Secretariat is based in Suva, the capital of the Fiji Islands. The role of the Association is to improve the performance of these utilities as they contribute to the economic development of their Islands, and assist with poverty alleviation for the island citizens.

Information on the PPA can be obtained by accessing [www.ppa.org.fj](http://www.ppa.org.fj).

Because of the increasing work load, there is a need for an increase in the establishment based at the Secretariat for one Senior Adviser- Power Sector.

This Senior Adviser position will be working for the benefit of the ten (10) power utilities in the Pacific Islands that are affiliated with the United States. These Islands comprise the U.S. Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the U.S. Territory of American Samoa

The Senior Adviser will be responsible to the Executive Director for the following duties:

- The management of the PPA organized utility staff training courses for these utilities
- The management of new and existing PPA projects, including energy efficiency of these utilities.
- The management of Renewable Energy Workshops for utility staff.
- Following up with utilities on technical issues and problems they encounter.
- Assisting these utilities with technical analysis and reporting of power system failures.
- Providing assistance with performance benchmarking of utilities.
- Management of the logistics of the Bi-annual PPA Engineers Workshop that is held in conjunction with the Annual PPA Conference.
- Support and assist external consultants to carry out projects affecting these utilities.
- The Senior Adviser will also be required to travel to visit and assist the member utilities mentioned above, that are located on different islands. During these visits the Senior Adviser will assist the CEOs and their staff with any engineering problems they may be currently facing, and in need of assistance. One of the key purposes of these visits will be for the PPA to become more aware of the day to day problems occurring in the utilities, so that assistance programs can be developed to aid the utilities.

The position requires a degree in electrical engineering from a recognised university with experience in small electric power systems, particularly diesel generated. Experience in developing countries particularly small island states will be essential. All these utilities use the US standards and generate power using diesel generating sets, so the applicant must be familiar with both. There is increasing use of renewable energy options in these Pacific Islands so there will be a requirement for the Senior Adviser to have a good technical knowledge of renewable energy resources.

With the exception of Guam which has 115KV transmission and 34.5KV sub-transmission systems, some of the other utilities have sub-transmission at 34.5KV, and all have a distribution system of 13.8KV/13.2KV. The maximum power demands of these ten (10) utilities vary from 1.2MW for Kosrae State utility to 280MW for the Guam utility.

The appointment will be for a period of 2 years with a possible extension of another 2 years.

A competitive salary will be negotiated based on qualifications and experience. This salary will include assistance with relocation and medical insurance, a housing allowance and an education allowance.

For Non-Fijian Nationals this salary may be tax free.

Deadline for submission of applications is close of business Friday, 13 March 2009 (Fiji time).

Please send Cover Letter and Resume to Gordon Chang, Deputy Executive Director, PPA by email at [gordonc@ppa.org.fj](mailto:gordonc@ppa.org.fj), or fax to (679) 330 2038.

Further information can also be obtained by contacting Tony Neil, Executive Director, by either email on [tonyneil@ppa.org.fj](mailto:tonyneil@ppa.org.fj), or by phone at (679) 330 6022.