# Regional State of the art training facility for the Pacific based in Fiji

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#### **BACKGROUND**

- □ EFL has been exploring this idea for a while
- □ This has become critical post covid-19 after recording high turnovers of skilled technical staff to AUS/NZ
- Expediting this development or capacity building
- Cost effective and located within the pacific
- Environmentally friendly and cultural condusive for the pacific vuvale

## Target

- □ Technical and non technical trainings
- Any specialized training-hire expertise or available in-house
- Based on training needs analysis of pacific island countries in consultation of PPA
- □ Training will be ongoing throughout the year

#### Benefits

- Understanding the needs of the Pacific which could be common
- □ Tailored made training
- Sharing of knowledge and Building Capacity
- Improve quality and productivity
- Sharpen thinking skills and decision making
- Ability to work independently as workers are competent and confident

### Due process

- Located in Lautoka, Western Division close to Nadi Airport
- Design has been completed
- Design presented to Management
- Tender has been called
- □ Tender will be presented to EFL Board later this year
- □ Target to finalise contract and funding by first quarter of 2026

#### FUNDING/Timeline

- Working very closely PPA, Gordon and the team
- Engagement with to donor partners, bilaterals and multinateral ongoing
- Need donor partners such as ADB and World Bank
- JICA and IFFP are the lead at this stage
- ☐ Timeline is 12-18 months
- □ Target to implement and commission by second half of 2027

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