

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT:

Please respond by: 15 October 2023

I. Position Information

1) Senior Project Officer (Power & Renewables) – 1 position (Delhi/Chennai)

II. Organizational Context

ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability is a leading global network of 2500+ cities, towns and regions committed to building a sustainable future. ICLEI works with local governments through international performance-based, results-oriented campaigns and programs. In its result-based approach, ICLEI brings cities around the world together to build partnerships and share techniques to promote participation and the effectiveness of environmental protection through local-level initiatives.

ICLEI's South Asia Secretariat operates from New Delhi, India. Engagement with cities is enabled through project offices located across cities and states in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. With a membership base of over 70 cities, ICLEI South Asia offers a wide range of technical services, support and customized methodologies on sustainable urban development, climate change, energy through donor funded programs and projects. ICLEI South Asia helps cities strengthen their technical capacity, improve awareness of sustainability issues among elected representatives, administrators and citizens, provide information, and develop a greater capacity for cities to deliver basic services in the most sustainable manner.

ICLEI's substantive focus is helping cities build and share solutions to the challenges of:

- climate change
- water and air pollution
- waste management
- renewable energy and energy efficiency
- built environment
- clean transport
- disaster management
- environmental management systems

Projects related to thematic areas of energy efficiency, renewable energy, climate change, smart mobility, built environment, sustainability management, water, green growth among others are executed by ICLEI South Asia through support from various donors (such as Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, European Commission, GIZ, USDOS, UNEP,

UNDP, USAID) and various ministries in Government of India and various state government funding sources. ICLEI South Asia's Energy & Climate team has extensive experience of working with cities to offer technical assistance, conduct techno-economic studies, undertake research and analyses, formulate policy and action plans, design and pilot innovative solutions, deliver capacity building and knowledge transfer, among others.

III. Position Description

1) Senior Project Officer – Power & Renewables (1 position)

Supervisor: Deputy Director/Senior Manager
Duty Station: **Delhi/Chennai**, India
Type of Contract: Full Time Employee

Functions

- Conduct technical research and stakeholder consultations on opportunities, readiness, gaps, policy and regulatory recommendations for power sector and renewable energy technologies/advanced energy solutions related to wind (onshore and offshore), solar, biomass, battery energy storage systems, hydrogen, electric vehicles
- Undertake technical and analytical assessments on policy and regulation at city, state and national levels for power systems and renewable energy (wind, solar, hybrid)
- Support the team in developing strategy and recommendations documents with specific actions (infrastructure and policy) to support achievement of energy and climate goals, particularly in the context of cities.
- Organize and conduct bilateral meetings, workshops and round table meetings with relevant stakeholders for projects as and when required.
- Compiling technical notes, reports and presentations to capture and synthesize outputs, approaches and analyses as required.
- Support capacity building of public officials and stakeholders on innovative solutions and methodologies across renewable energy and power sector topics.
- Work closely with the team and target stakeholders to support implementation of work plan and all activities therein.
- Develop and manage strong relationships with the public sector stakeholders (city and state government, public agencies), other key stakeholders and partners (associations, academia, subject/technology experts, service providers, civil society, donors) in the relevant sectors.
- Support cities and states to progress on forward-looking initiatives on power, renewable energy and energy efficiency through projects, technical support/advisory, managing stakeholder engagement, drafting documents and materials, delivering presentations, and performing data analyses.
- Ensure appropriate reporting to partners and funders. Participate regularly in regional and global meetings, calls or other coordination activities with project partners and other cities, as needed.

- Work on other projects and programs of ICLEI under its low carbon agenda and effective implementation of climate change and energy management related projects within ICLEI South Asia.

Competencies

Candidates should have:

- Strong knowledge and demonstrated experience related to power system engineering and renewable energy is necessary.
- Strong skills and experience related to technology assessment, feasibility studies, implementation of renewable energy & power systems are required. Prior involvement in projects and assessments on technology promotion and deployment with public institutions will be an advantage.
- Strong analytical and computational skills to undertake policy & regulatory review, feasibility assessments, action planning, technology evaluation, cost-benefit analysis
- Strategic thinking and interpersonal skills are required, including the ability to problem-solve and influence decision-making processes in a diplomatic and collaborative manner.
- Excellent report writing, communication and IT skills (including full familiarity with relevant computer applications including MS Excel, Word, PowerPoint, any other tools).
- Direct experience in executing projects in a team setting, including assisting project plans and managing timelines.
- Experience in maintaining collaborative relationships with diverse stakeholders to achieve measured results.
- Comfortable with public speaking in varied settings, ranging from working groups to conferences.
- Ability to work independently & as part of a team and willing to travel frequently
- Enthusiastic attitude and willingness to learn, adapt and take on a wide range of responsibilities across different energy and climate change subject areas.
- Excellent language skills:
 - Speaking and writing skills in English
 - Fluency in Hindi is preferred. Proficiency in other languages is welcome.

Recruitment Qualifications

Education:

- Graduate degree in Electrical/Power Systems/Mechanical engineering and allied fields
- Post graduate university degree from similar background or completion of relevant post-graduate education related to power systems, renewable energy, energy management or allied fields.

Experience:

Minimum 5 years of relevant, post qualification, professional experience.

IV. Contact Information:

Interested candidates are requested to submit CV (mentioning the job code in subject line) along with one-page note describing your suitability for the position and two references.

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