

# USAID SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL INITIATIVE FOR ENERGY (SARI/Energy) PROGRAM

## TECHNICAL ADVISORY SERVICES for NEPAL

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### **Background:**

PA is the prime contractor for the USAID sponsored SARI/Energy program which promotes energy security in South Asia through three activities areas: (1) cross border energy trade, (2) energy markets, and (3) clean energy access. Through these activities SARI/Energy facilitates more efficient regional energy resource utilization, works toward transparent and profitable energy practices, mitigates the environmental impacts of energy production, and increases regional access to energy. SARI/Energy countries include: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. SARI/Energy works to improve energy security in South Asia via: providing technical assistance to improve market structures for enabling investment in and trade of clean energy, and in the spread of models, technologies and information on sustainable and clean uses of energy.

SARI/Energy is based on the objective of: “creating linkages among South Asia countries and strengthening the energy security of South Asia”.

### **Responsibilities:**

PA Consulting is the technical assistance contractor for USAID and is implementing the SARI/Energy program from its office in New Delhi. PA intends to issue a subcontract to qualified firms or individuals to provide technical advisory services for Nepal. The subcontractor reports to the PA Chief-of-Party (COP) and will be primary responsible for coordinating and implementing SARI/Energy activities in Nepal:

- Assisting the COP with task order based implementation of SARI/Energy technical, managerial, and administrative activities,
- Maintaining contact with various energy institutions, government agencies, private sector investors and developers, and other energy sector stakeholders,
- Collecting information and data on cross border and energy market activities,
- Monitoring events and developments in the energy sector in Nepal,
- Performing selective analysis (technical and economic) on specific energy related programs; and,
- Assisting the COP on other energy related activities as needed.

### **Qualifications:**

The following minimal qualifications are desirable:

- Nepalese National of outstanding reputation and demonstrated expertise in the Energy field,
- Education: undergraduate degree in an engineering discipline, masters or continuing education in business, economics, or a related field,
- Energy sector experience: minimum 10 years experience in Nepal, other SARI country experience is desirable,
- Donor assistance project experience,
- Languages: local language proficiency and excellent English oral and written skills; and,
- Ability to travel within Nepal and occasionally to other SARI countries.

### **Duration and Location of Assignment:**

The SARI/Energy program is expected to run until the end of July 2011, and is based in New Delhi; this position would be based in Kathmandu, Nepal.

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