**Rural Community Assistance Corporation **

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| **JOB DESCRIPTION** | | | |
| Job Title: | Small Utility Engineering Consultant | Salary Grade: | 12 |
| Status: | Exempt | Supervisor: | Regional Field Manager |
| Unit: | Environmental | Department: | Community and Environmental Services |

*Founded in 1978, RCAC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that operates in 13 western states and Pacific Islands. RCAC partners with underserved rural and Indigenous communities to achieve their vision and wellbeing through technical assistance, training, financial resources and advocacy. Throughout RCAC’s history, our dedicated staff and active Board have supported positive change in rural communities across the West. Our work reflects our core values of leadership, collaboration, commitment, quality, and integrity.*

**Department:**

RCAC’s comprehensive community and environmental services support rural communities to create a vision, set goals and implement an action plan for community development projects. We work with rural water, wastewater, and solid waste systems to make them sustainable. We also work with small systems’ boards of directors and staff to make sure they comply with state and federal regulations and understand system finances and operations. The outcomes of RCAC’s work include system regulatory compliance; access to resources for capital improvement projects; and board and staff capacity building in technical, financial, and managerial best practices.

**General Purpose:**

Under general supervision of the Regional Field Manager, this role provides technical, managerial, and financial (TMF) assistance to small, disadvantaged community water and wastewater systems so they can operate sustainably and deliver quality services to the communities served. The assistance provided may include overseeing hired consulting engineers for water and wastewater infrastructure design projects, review of technical specifications and design work, implementing technical solutions to compliance or operational issues, or assistance with capital projects undertaken by client communities. This role mentors and supports other staff in the C&E department who have less technical expertise to provide technical subject matter expertise when needed for their projects.

*Specific job goals, objectives and tasks are established for each employee as part of the annual evaluation and work plan process. The statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed by people assigned to this job. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list of all qualifications, responsibilities, duties, and skills required.*

**Job Duties and Responsibilities:**

* Assess the needs of our clients and recommend solutions to the needs identified.
* Build technical, managerial, and/or financial capacity at small utilities.
* Provide technical expertise and guidance in developing engineering scopes of work, procuring engineering services, and reviewing the quality of engineering work.
* Manage relationships with client communities and utilities.
* Help clients access financial resources to address drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste needs.
* Recommend and implement solutions.
* Promote and facilitate partnerships to maximize limited resources.
* Guide client communities through construction projects from planning to completion
* Develop, prepare, and deliver group and one-on-one trainings.
* Provide excellent customer service.
* Prepare activity and outcome reports as required.
* Mentor staff who join the C&E Department
* Perform quality assurance for department’s work within your subject matter expertise.
* Performs other related duties as assigned.

**Supervision Exercised:**

No supervision exercised.

**Minimum Qualifications and Necessary Requirements:**

* **EQUIVALENT**combination of education and experience can meet minimum qualifications*.*
* **EDUCATION:** Bachelor’s degree in civil engineering or related field.
* **LICENSE/CERTIFICATION:** Valid driver’s license and proof of insurance that meets the minimum requirements ($100,000/$300,000) of RCAC corporate liability policy. Professional Engineers license
* **EXPERIENCE:** Three years of experience in water and wastewater engineering or other civil engineering projects. Commitment to rural communities, drinking water access, or health equity issues.
* Must pass a criminal background investigation prior to employment.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:**

* Knowledge of civil engineering practices
* Knowledge of technical, managerial, and/or financial operations of a small water or wastewater utilities
* Knowledge of resources available to support community water and wastewater projects.
* Knowledge and familiarity with rural and tribal community culture and social norms
* Facilitation, mediation, and meeting management skills
* Skill with personal computers, including cloud computing and Microsoft Office
* Skill with video conferencing platforms
* Organizing and coordinating skills
* Database and records management skills
* Customer service skills
* Skill in mentoring and training coworkers
* Ability to work with minimum supervision and manage multiple priorities simultaneously.
* Ability to operate efficiently and with minimal oversight.
* Ability to work independently as well as in team environments.
* Ability to develop and conduct participant-centered trainings and workshops.
* Ability to troubleshoot, innovate, and problem-solve.
* Ability to create, compose, and edit written materials.
* Ability to make administrative and procedural decisions and judgments.
* Ability to gather data, compile information, and prepare reports.
* Ability to carry out instructions furnished in verbal or written format.
* Ability to establish and maintain professional relationships with individuals of varying social and cultural backgrounds and with co-workers at all levels.
* Ability to maintain confidentiality.
* Ability to analyze situations and adopt appropriate courses of action.
* Ability to meet strict timelines.

**Preferred Requirements:**

* Advanced degree in civil engineering or related field
* Experience with engineering projects funded by state and federal agencies.
* Experience and familiarity with rural and Tribal community dynamics
* Water or wastewater operator certification
* Bilingual in languages spoken in our client communities (including, but not limited to Spanish, Navajo, Yup’ik, Salish)

**Physical Demands:**

While performing the duties of this job, the employee is regularly required to sit and stand; use hands to finger, handle, or feel; reach with hands and arms; and talk or hear. The employee frequently is required to walk. The employee occasionally is required to stand; and stoop, kneel, crouch, or crawl. The employee must occasionally lift and/or move up to 25 pounds. Specific vision requirements include close vision, distance vision, color vision, and depth perception.

**Working Conditions:**

Work is typically performed in an office with a moderate noise level. Evening and/or weekend work may be required. Travel is required, including regular visits to remote rural and Indigenous communities that may lack cell service and other modern amenities.

**Employee’s Certification:**

The above statements are intended to describe the general nature and level of work being performed. They are not intended to be construed as an exhaustive list of all responsibilities, duties, and skills required of personnel so classified. I understand that this job description is subject to change by RCAC as the needs and requirements of the position change.

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Employee’s Signature Date

*RCAC is an equal opportunity employer and considers all employees and job applicants without regard to race, religion, color, gender, sex, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status, or any other status protected by law. RCAC strives to reflect the diverse constituencies that the organization serves.*