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BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
DETAIL – NON-COMPETITIVE TEMPORARY PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY
INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENT BPA-26-IA-PTK-036

Public Utilities Specialist
For Classified position J02751-GS-14
Pay Range: \$135,522-176,183
Full-time for 120 days
Number of Vacancies: 1

OPENS: 06/25/2026

CLOSES: 07/05/2026

POSITION LOCATION: Portland, OR

WHO MAY APPLY: Any Bonneville Power Administration employee with current competitive career conditional/career status currently at the GS-13 or GS-14 grade level. This is a non-competitive temporary promotion or detail NTE 120 days. Employees will need to confirm they have their supervisor's approval when applying for the non-competitive temporary promotion or detail.

Employees who have non-competitively served a total of 120 days in a temporary promotion or detail to a higher grade within the preceding 12 months are not eligible for a higher-graded opportunity. Contact Wilson Bowlby at wjbowlby@bpa.gov if you have questions regarding your eligibility.

NOTES: The successful candidate will be detailed or non-competitively temporarily promoted to the position of Director of Internal Operations and Performance. Selection from this interest announcement is subject to the requirements of applicable employment practices. Any promotion associated with this announcement will be subject to the following:

- When an employee already holds the same grade or higher as the position of interest on a permanent basis, then the action will be processed as a detail and may be made for a period up to one year, in 120-day increments. When appropriate, details may be extended for an additional year, in 120-day increments.
- When an employee holds a lower graded position or is in a position with lower-graded promotion potential than the position of interest, s/he is prohibited from serving in a higher-graded position for more than 120-days in a 52-week period. The action may be processed as a detail or non-competitive temporary promotion at management's discretion. Employees selected for a non-competitive temporary promotion must meet time in grade, experience, and any minimum education requirements specified under Special Skills & Abilities below. Those who do not meet the time in grade or qualifications requirement(s) may be eligible to accrue experience during a detail. Non-competitive temporary promotions or details to a higher grade may not be extended or made permanent.
- The employee will be returned to his/her permanent position of record (i.e., position prior to detail) upon completion of the non-competitive temporary promotion or detail opportunity.
- Temporary promotions and details may be terminated at any time based on the needs of management.
- Multiple selections may be made from this interest announcement to fill the position on a rotational basis.

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

This position is located in the Scheduling Coordination organization (PTK) of Bulk Marketing (PT), Power Services (P), Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Scheduling Coordination is responsible for establishing, implementing, and accounting for energy schedules and necessary transmission arrangements in “real-time” and “pre-schedule” with utilities, other customers, and transmission providers.

The purpose of this position is to serve as the Systems technical lead and technical authority and advisor for Scheduling Coordination. As the technical authority, the incumbent receives only administrative supervision and has been delegated full technical authority and responsibility for assigned programs or functions. The incumbent is responsible for defining objectives; interpreting policies promulgated by authorities which are senior to the immediate supervisor and determining their effect on program needs; independently planning, designing, and carrying out the work to be done; and providing authoritative advice and guidance to agency officials responsible for broad program operations within the area of expertise.

DUTIES:

- Serves as the Systems technical lead and technical authority for Scheduling Coordination with full technical authority and responsibility for coordinating all aspects and activities related to the development, enhancement, testing, training, maintenance, issue resolution, and quality control regarding ISAAC and NEWTON.
- **Product Owner:** As the technical authority on ISAAC, is responsible for maximizing the business value of ISAAC and NEWTON by working with the IT technical lead to prioritize system enhancements and maintenance work backlog.
- **Technical Lead:** Leads and coordinates all ISAAC and NEWTON development, enhancement, and testing activities. Leads the ISAAC technical support team consisting of subject matter experts within PTK and across the PT organization.
- **ISAAC Enhancements and Maintenance:** Is the functional lead and subject matter expert working with BPA’s Contracting Office and Contractor/Vendor on all ISAAC Contracting Office/Vendor activities related to Statements of Work, within year releases, and major enhancements needed to maintain and keep current ISAAC’s scheduling and settlement functionality reflecting and incorporating ever-evolving changes in WECC and NAESB scheduling policies and BPA business/contract requirements.
- **Quality Control:** Is responsible for quality control of vendor software releases.
- **NEWTON Maintenance and Enhancements:** Coordinates with BPA IT staff and subject matter experts for all enhancements, modifications, issue-resolution, bug fixes for NEWTON and other integration points with upstream and downstream operational, settlement and compliance systems.
- **Model Production and Testing Environment Support:** Is responsible for establishment and coordination of operational production support requirements and coordination with BPA IT to establish policies and procedures to ensure adequate support of ISAAC in the production environment and testing environment.
- **Real-time and Preschedule Issue Resolution:** Is the primary subject matter expert for coordinating ISAAC issue resolution when real-time or pre-schedule issues cannot be resolved by the BPA IT support desks or the Contractor/Vendor support desks.
- **Training and Coordination of New Releases:** Is the BPA lead and expert responsible for the coordination of ISAAC training and notification to all staff regarding the scope and timing of all “software patches” or new releases.
- **Technical Expert:** Serves as the recognized technical authority and spokesperson on assigned cross-BPA initiatives and matters related to ISAAC and NEWTON.

Other Significant Facts Pertaining To This Position:

1. Per DOE Order 326.1, this position is required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.
2. Some travel to field locations may be required.

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SPECIAL SKILLS & ABILITIES:

Employees with at least one year of specialized experience at the next lower grade level (GS-13) in the Federal service may be eligible for temporary promotion.

Specialized experience for this position includes one or more of the following:

1. Leading the product lifecycle, backlog prioritization, and system objectives for power scheduling and settlement systems supporting trading floor transactions and ATF settlements;
2. Directing data integration between internal databases and external applications, establish software quality control methodologies, and resolve critical real-time or pre-schedule operational disruptions; and
3. Serving as the technical advisor on regulatory compliance impacting systems, formulate Statements of Work, and manage vendor delivery of software enhancements and releases.

HOW TO APPLY: Complete a brief memo of interest describing your interest in this detail – temporary promotion assignment and your relevant experience. Submit your memo and a signed Supervisory Acknowledgement statement (below) by close of business on **07/05/2026** to Scott Newlon at smnewlon@bpa.gov.

**** Do NOT submit a resume. ****

SUPERVISOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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I acknowledge that _____ has requested consideration for this position. I understand this assignment is a detail or temporary promotion (*not to exceed or duration, part-time or full-time*).

I am willing to consider approving the detail-temporary promotion and understand the (salary and/or FTE) for the duration of the detail-temporary promotion will be funded by the PTK-org.

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor's Title: _____ Routing: _____