

Freelancer wins NASA task order under Open Innovation Services 2 Contract for hydropower plant reliability

SYDNEY, 23 December 2020 - Freelancer Limited (ASX: FLN), the world's largest freelancing and crowdsourcing marketplace by total number of users, today announced that it had won the task order *NOIS2-006: No Outage Testing of Hydropower Generation Transformers* for the US Bureau of Reclamation.



Through the Hydropower Reliability Innovation Challenge, the Bureau of Reclamation is attempting to improve the reliability of hydropower plant generation by automating safety equipment testing and reducing plant downtime.

This challenge will find methods to increase hydropower plant generation reliability through the development of a tool, a group of tools, a continuous monitoring system, or a surveillance system that communicates with existing protection systems to safely perform comprehensive online testing, avoiding the opportunity cost of unit outages.

Freelancer has the broadest expertise in engineering with over 2.5 million freelance engineers on our platform, 260,000 of whom specialise in electrical engineering, and millions of tangentially skilled experts including software, hardware, and firmware development. Within this are specialised deep expertise talent pools that we will draw upon including Arrow Preferred Partners, Arrow Certified Engineering Services (ACES) partners, Arrow Rising Stars and our curated Electrical Engineering Talent Cloud.

This is the first task order won by Freelancer under the US\$25m NOIS2 joint tender and is valued at US\$365,000.

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About The US Bureau of Reclamation

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR), is a federal agency under the U.S. Department of the Interior, which oversees water resource management, specifically as it applies to the oversight and operation of the diversion, delivery, and storage projects that it has built throughout the western United States for irrigation, water supply, and attendant hydroelectric power generation. The USBR is the largest wholesaler of water in the country, bringing water to more than 31 million people, and providing one in five Western farmers with irrigation water for 10 million acres of farmland, which produce 60% of the nation's vegetables and 25% of its fruits and nuts. The USBR is also the second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the western United States.