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# Solar Power Executive Recognized as a Leader Transforming the Energy Sector

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Ali Chowdhury, an Indian American executive at 8minutenergy Renewables in Folsom, Calif., was among four Asian Americans honored by Asians in Energy as leaders transforming the future energy sectors during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month. (photo provided)

Ali Chowdhury, an Indian American executive at 8minutenergy Renewables in Folsom, Calif., was among a group of Asian Americans honored by Asians in Energy as leaders transforming the future energy sectors.

Chowdhury, along with Anne Shen Smith, Patrick Lee and Sun Engineering, were all recognized May 25 by the nonprofit, which did so during Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

The complex and technical energy sectors are quickly evolving with development of advanced energy that constitute the best available technologies for meeting energy needs today and tomorrow, the organization said in a statement.

“With the largest population of Asians in California — 6.5 million — and, in a state that leads the nation on advanced energy technologies, it’s vital to highlight the Asian American energy leaders that are taking on leadership roles to make the energy system more secure, clean and affordable in all communities, including Asian American communities,” said Asians in Energy president and chief executive Susie Wong.

Chowdhury is vice president of transmission and generation interconnection planning at 8minutenergy Renewables, one of the largest independent solar power developers in the United States.

He manages a portfolio of 2,000-plus MW of solar PV projects. Chowdhury has approved more than \$15 billion worth of extra high and high voltage transmission lines and substations for interconnecting renewable and conventional generators as well as for interconnection of large industrial and commercial loads.

Additionally, he has approved about \$5 billion worth of transmission elements for maintaining system reliability and security in meeting increasing load growth.

8minutenergy Renewables developed one of the world’s largest solar farms in California and is expanding their efforts into India and Latin America.

Prior to joining 8minutenergy Renewables, Chowdhury was the director of regional transmission south at the California Independent System Operator where he had oversight of system reliability, economic and renewable energy transmission planning for California ISO grid infrastructure development and transmission system operations engineering.

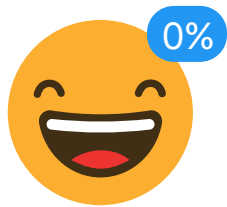
The Indian American co-authored “Power Distribution System Reliability: Practical Methods and Applications,” and has authored or co-authored more than 150 technical papers published in peer reviewed national and international journals.

Chowdhury, who lectures nationally and internationally on theory and applications of power system reliability and value-based planning, has also worked at MidAmerican Energy, Alberta Power Ltd., Atlantic Nuclear Services Ltd. and General Electric throughout his career. He is a graduate of St. Ambrose University, the University of Saskatchewan and Belaruskі Nacyjanal'ny Tehnieny Universitet, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Asians in Energy, founded in 2017, is a national association that educates and engages Asian Pacific Americans and its many subcultures and languages on clean energy technologies and policies.

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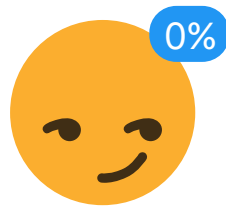
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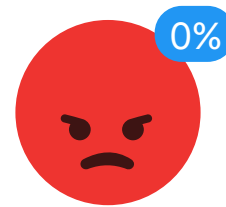
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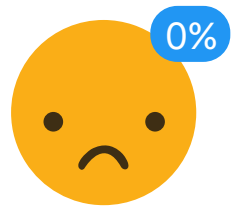
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