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Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels



An initiative of the EPFL Energy Center
Ensuring that biofuels deliver on their
promise of sustainability

**** Request for Proposals ****

The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels (RSB) is pleased to announce that it is seeking to contract for the following work projects to guide its standards development process. Please distribute this announcement to any consultancy firms who may be interested in bidding on the work described below.

There are eight projects under the following subject categories: Lifecycle GHG accounting, accounting for indirect impacts, impact assessment, land rights, water rights, local food security, living wage, and developing generic definitions and indicators for third-party certification of the RSB standard.

ALL PROJECT BIDS ARE DUE BY MIDNIGHT GMT ON JULY 9, 2009.

The RFPs for all of these work items may be downloaded at <http://cgse.epfl.ch/page70060.html>

Proposal Descriptions

RFP 01 Summary of methodological differences in lifecycle accounting for GHG emissions from biofuels, and implications of choosing different approaches

The objective of this work proposal is to develop a research paper reviewing the different life cycle methodologies being used in the public and private sectors to calculate greenhouse gas emissions from biofuels. The work will require a comparison of different components of the LCA methodologies being used in GHG accounting, including but not limited to co-product allocation, time horizon selection, discounting of future emissions reductions, and minimum reduction thresholds.

First draft of the research paper due to the RSB Secretariat by August 31, 2009.

Final report due by September 30, 2009.

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[Download the RFP - GHG Methodologies](#)

RFP 02 Summary of approaches to accounting for indirect impacts of biofuels production

The objective of this work proposal is to develop a research paper that describes the existing regulatory approaches to accounting for the indirect or 'market mediated' impacts from biofuels. This will include public-sector approaches, such as those used by the US EPA, California ARB, European Commission and others, as well as private sector (including industry, NGO and academic) proposals.

First draft of the research paper due to the RSB Secretariat by August 31, 2009.

Final report due by September 30, 2009.

[Download the RFP - Accounting for Indirect Impacts](#)

RFP 03 Developing RSB guidelines for project-level impact assessment,

stakeholder mapping, and community consultation

There are three principle objectives of this work proposal: (1) to develop a practical tool that Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) professionals and biofuel operators can use to identify stakeholders to be consulted during project planning and assessment phases, (2) develop a tool that ESIA professionals and biofuel operators can use to help build consensus amongst stakeholders involved in the ESIA processes, and (3) develop generic guidelines for (a) a preliminary scoping exercise to determine if a full ESIA is needed and (b) a full ESIA that covers the social and environmental concerns addressed in the RSB standard.

Stakeholder mapping and consensus-building tools due to the RSB Secretariat by August 21, 2009.

First draft of the scoping exercise and ESIA guidelines due to the RSB Secretariat by September 15, 2009.

Final scoping exercise and ESIA guidelines due to the RSB Secretariat by September 30, 2009.

[Download the RFP - Impact Assessment, Stakeholder Mapping and Community Consultation](#)

RFP 04 Developing RSB toolkit and guidelines for establishing land rights and land use rights, and assisting with disputes and negotiated agreements

There are two principle objectives of this work proposal: (1) to develop a practical tool that Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) professionals, biofuel operators, and auditors can use to accurately determine formal, informal, and traditional land rights and land use rights, and establish the existence of disputes on the land, as well as ascertaining the legitimacy of such disputes, and (2) to develop a tool to assist in dealing with disputes that will enable farmers, agricultural processors, and biofuels producers to reach negotiated agreements around land rights, through the process outlined under the UN guidelines for Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

Final tools due to the RSB Secretariat by September 15, 2009.

[Download the RFP - Land Rights](#)

RFP 05 RSB toolkits and guidelines for establishing water rights and a toolkit for assisting with disputes and negotiated agreements

There are two principle objectives of this work proposal: (1) to develop a practical tool that ESIA professionals and biofuel operators can use to accurately determine and establish any water rights, formal or customary, that may be infringed upon by the proposed operations, and (2) to develop a tool to assist in dealing with disputes that will enable farmers, agricultural processors, and biofuels producers to reach negotiated agreements around

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water rights, through the process outlined under the UN guidelines for Free, Prior and Informed Consent.

Final tools due to the RSB Secretariat by September 15, 2009.

[Download the RFP - Water Rights](#)

RFP 06 Developing definitions and assessment tools for RSB Principle on local food security

The objective of this work proposal is to develop a tool that farmers, producers, and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) professionals can use in the field to assess compliance with the RSB principle on Local Food Security. The tool should include (a) risk assessment, (b) mitigation of any risks, and (c) strategies to enhance local food security.

First draft of the tool due to the RSB Secretariat by September 15, 2009.

Final tool due by September 30, 2009.

[Download the RFP - Local Food Security](#)

RFP 07 Feasibility of incorporating the 'living wage' concept into the RSB Standard

The objective of this work proposal is to develop a research paper that examines the definition of 'living wage'. The paper will explore the availability of living wage, poverty level, and minimum wage data in typical countries producing biofuels, and examine how agricultural and factory workers wages perform against minimum and living wage levels in these countries. The study will also examine how other certification standards (for instance: SAI, FSC, FLO, SAN, RSPO, IFOAM, EUREP-GAP, Jo-In members) incorporate these concepts into their standards and auditing programs.

First draft due by August 31, 2009.

Final report due by September 30, 2009.

[Download the RFP - Living Wage](#)

RFP 08 Developing definitions and indicators for the RSB standard

The objective of this work proposal is to develop the definitions of key terms and compliance indicators for the principles and criteria described in the RSB sustainability standard. Specialists in third-party certification and in-field audits are especially sought. Definitions and compliance indicators already developed through other sustainability standards development processes should be used when possible and generic compliance indicators will be developed for crops which do not already have sustainability standards. The project will occur in two phases; bids can be received for one or both phases.

Phase 1 - First draft due by September 7, 2009. Final draft due by September 15, 2009.

Phase 2 - First draft due by September 30, 2009. Final draft due by October 7, 2009.

[Download the RFP - RSB Definitions and Indicators](#)

The Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels

The Energy Center at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL) is coordinating a multi-stakeholder effort, the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels (RSB), to develop international standards for sustainable biofuels production and processing. We operate through an open and transparent consultation process, developing these standards in conjunction with nearly 900 non-governmental organizations, companies, governments and inter-governmental groups from all over the world. To learn more about the Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels visit <http://EnergyCenter.epfl.ch/Biofuels>

