

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

VALIDATION/VERIFICATION BODY ASSESSMENT OF THE METHODOLOGY FOR AVOIDING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY KEEPING FOOD IN THE HUMAN SUPPLY CHAIN

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1 INTRODUCTION

Verra is a global leader helping to tackle the world’s most intractable environmental and social challenges. As a mission-driven non-profit organization, Verra is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving livelihoods, and protecting natural resources by working with the private and public sectors. We support climate action and sustainable development with standards, tools, and programs that credibly, transparently, and robustly assess environmental and social impacts and enable funding for sustaining and scaling up projects that verifiably deliver these benefits.

The [Verified Carbon Standard \(VCS\) Program](#) is our flagship program. It allows vetted projects to turn their greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions and removals into tradable carbon credits called Verified Carbon Units (VCUs). Since its launch in 2006, the VCS Program has grown into the world’s largest voluntary GHG program with over 1,780 registered projects in 82 countries that have cumulatively generated almost 880 million VCUs.

An integral component of the VCS Program is the [Methodology Approval Process, v4.0](#), which allows stakeholders to develop new methodologies that set out procedures to monitor and quantify the emission reductions and removals of new project activities, thus expanding the eligibility of project activities under the VCS Program. Such new methodologies are submitted to Verra for review before undergoing a technical assessment by an approved, accredited Validation/Verification Body (VVB).

Verra seeks a VVB to conduct the technical assessment of a new methodology as part of the Methodology Approval Process.

2 SCOPE OF WORK

Verra is accepting proposals for a technical assessment of the [Methodology for Avoiding Greenhouse Gas Emissions By Keeping Food in the Human Supply Chain](#) developed by Quantis, Inc. and Kai Robertson. The requirements of the assessment are set out in Section 4.5 of the [Methodology Approval Process, v4.0](#).

The proposed methodology covers Sectoral Scope 13, Waste handling and disposal. Specifically, the methodology enables the quantification of GHG emission reductions from activities that avoid food loss and waste (FLW). Project activities may prevent this loss or waste of food products at different stages of the food chain, e.g., at the farm level, food processing facility, food service/hospitality, or residential. The baseline scenario assumes the continuation of pre-project food diversion practices.

3 QUALIFICATIONS

Verra is seeking a VVB that is in conformance with the requirements set out in Section 5 of the [Methodology Approval Process, v4.0](#).

4 MILESTONES, DELIVERABLES AND TIMELINE

The VVB shall produce an assessment report in accordance with the requirements as set out in Section 4.5.4 of the [Methodology Approval Process, v4.0](#). The duration and timeline of the assessment shall be outlined by the respondent within the proposal. We expect that the services will be needed in April/May 2022, with some flexibility in the timeline.

5 RESPONSES TO THE RFP

Interested respondents should feel free to submit clarifying questions on any of the above information.

Respondents are requested to submit the following as part of their proposals:

- Cost proposal,
- Estimated timeline for assessment,
- 2–3-page narrative detailing how the VVB will execute the scope of the work as set out in the Methodology Approval Process and describing the VVBs qualifications, and
- Disclosure statement of services provided to the methodology developer

All proposals and documents submitted to Verra will be shared only with the methodology developer and will be kept confidential otherwise.

All documents must be submitted to Liz Guinessey at eguinessey@verra.org by close of business 15 April 2022. We will finalize that selection of the VVB by 29 April 2022.

Legal Nature of RFP

This RFP is an invitation for proposals and Verra is under no legal obligation to accept any proposal nor proceed with the RFP. Verra reserves the right to amend the requirements at any time.