Terms of Reference: Land-use Standards, Manager

Background
Gold Standard works to create a climate secure world where sustainable growth brings life-changing benefits to communities everywhere. Our role as a standard and certification body is to maximise the impact of climate and development activities. We design the strongest processes that amplify the impact of efforts to deliver clean energy and water, responsibly manage land and forests, and transform lives of the world’s poor. We then verify those outcomes, inspiring greater confidence that drives investment to accomplish even more.

Gold Standard was established in 2003 by WWF and other international NGOs as a best practice standard to ensure projects that reduced carbon emissions under the UN’s Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) also delivered on their dual mandate to foster sustainable development. Now with more than 80 NGO supporters and 1100 projects in over 70 countries, our projects have delivered billions of dollars in climate and development outcomes in local communities all around the world.

Job Description
This role, reporting to the Technical Director of Standards, will manage the development of land-use standards, tools, guidelines and products within Gold Standard. The role will be responsible for the upkeep of existing standards, development of new approaches (including liaison with stakeholders and governance members) and for the implementation of Gold Standard strategy for land-use sectors. The role will also provide support to the Certification team in responding to queries from project proponents. Finally the role will be responsible for the delivery of land-use related funded programmes – either as direct author as manager of consultant and governance working group teams.

Qualifications and Experience
The successful candidate will have a higher degree in a land-use science related subject with the ability to demonstrate technical knowledge of climate change and development issues. The candidate will have at least 7 years experience in land-use practice, ideally in the context of the application of standards (either as practitioner, standards developer or auditor).

Skills
The successful candidate will be an outstanding manager of people and possess the ability to manage relationships with all stakeholders. In addition the candidate will have demonstrated programme management success on challenging deliverables. Candidate will speak fluent English and ideally one other language.

Primary Responsibilities
- Manage the standards, tools, guidelines, products and documentation associated with the land-use standards within GS. This will involve keeping the documentation up to date and agreeing changes with the relevant governance body.
- Support the Senior Scheme Director to coordinate the GS launch programme for Gold Standard for the Global Goals as related to land-use.
- Transition the certification approach from the land-use team into the GS Certification team, providing support, guidance and process improvements as required.
- Provide ongoing support to the Certification team in resolving queries and clarifications as related to the project portfolio.
• Provide reporting and input in support of Management Teams strategic decision making as related to land-use.
• Develop and implement the GS Land-use Strategy, including recommendations related to:
  o GS existing portfolio and service offering
  o Process improvements
  o New areas of strategic development within land-use
• Manage funded programmes related to land-use – this could involve direct authorship of deliverables or the coordination and management of consultant teams.
• Manage all technical governance related to land-use standards and new developments.
• Support GS business development by contributing to fundraising proposals and concepts as required.
• Support other teams within GS with technical insight and reporting as from time to time required.

Location
Europe

Application Requirements and Deadline
All interested candidates must submit a resume and 1-page cover letter explaining why you want to work for Gold Standard to recruitment@goldstandard.org. Applications will be reviewed as they are received before the closing date of February 28, 2017. We regret that late applications will not be considered.