

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**SUPPORTING INITIAL AUTHORISATIONS UNDER  
ARTICLE 6 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT**

*Date*

8 February 2022

**Context**

Gold Standard is a civil society NGO and a standards body that promotes the best that can be achieved in climate and development projects. It was established in 2003 by [WWF](#) and other international NGOs as a best practice standard to ensure that projects which reduce carbon emissions also deliver credible, high-integrity sustainable development benefits. In close collaboration with its network of partners (civil society, governments, and private sector), Gold Standard leads several global innovation programs and supports 2000+ climate and development projects in over 80 countries worldwide.

Following the adoption of Article 6 guidance at COP26, Gold Standard is preparing to support the generation and transaction of mitigation outcomes that will be authorised by their host country for use under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. As part of this,

Gold Standard has established an 'Article 6 Early Movers Programme' to provide technical support and facilitate knowledge sharing to support the first applications of Article 6. This has been established through funding from the German Federal Ministry for the Environmental, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV).

## Overview and Purpose of the Assignment

Gold Standard is seeking an implementing partner to lead one strand of its Article 6 Early Movers Programme. The primary tasks of the implementing partner will be as follows, with more information set out in the following section:

1. To support engagement between 2-4 identified project developers and relevant host countries, towards the authorization under Article 6 of emission reductions generated by an existing or planned mitigation activity.
2. To produce a public report summarizing lessons learned and best-practice actions and models identified through the above-mentioned engagement, for the benefit of other actors seeking to apply Article 6 guidance.

The intended purpose of these tasks is to demonstrate proof-of-concept of the application of Article 6.2 guidance, and to generate knowledge and information that can support its application by other actors in a robust, high-integrity manner. This is likely to be of particular importance for the generation of mitigation outcomes that will be used for purposes other than NDC achievement, such as CORSIA and the voluntary carbon market. If the case studies undertaken do not result in the successful authorization of emission reductions (or do not result in a successful authorization within the time allocated for this project), it is hoped that the process will still generate valuable lessons that can be shared publicly.

## Description of the Assignment

The project is expected to have three main phases:

1. **Phase I - Identification:** The implementing partner will work with Gold Standard to identify 2-4 project developers with whom to work in the second phase, selected following an open process. This selection will take into account, among other things, willingness and capacity on the part of the host country to consider Article 6 authorisation, as well as seeking heterogenous case studies with respect to geography, activity type, project size and other relevant factors.

2. **Phase II - Engagement:** The implementing partner will provide technical expertise and advice to support the project developer to prepare for and undertake their outreach to and engagement with relevant authorities within the relevant host country, with respect to the authorisation under Article 6 of emission reductions generated by a specific activity or activities. The extent, scope and duration of the implementing partner's role supporting this engagement will be agreed between Gold Standard and the implementing partner, considering the budget available. However it is expected that the implementing partner would act as a neutral facilitator rather than working on behalf of any entity.
3. **Phase III - Knowledge sharing:** The implementing partner will author a paper (c.20-30 pages) for publication, drawing on experience generated through Phase II and other relevant knowledge and experience, to inform and support future engagement between project developers and host country authorities towards the authorisation of mitigation outcomes under Article 6. The content and scope of the paper will be agreed between Gold Standard and the implementing partner.

International travel is envisioned, subject to requirements and potential COVID-19 restrictions.

### Anticipated outputs and timeline

Output	Start date	End date
Identify and contract implementing partner	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022
Task 1: Identify participating project developers	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2022
Task 2: Engagement towards authorisation	1 <sup>st</sup> June 2022	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2023
Task 3: Developed knowledge product	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2022	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Methodology and Work Plan

Applicants should submit proposals relevant to the purpose and description of the assignment including all elements outlined below. Proposals should be no more than ten pages.

(1) Overview of the organisation(s), highlighting relevant experience and evidence of related projects;

(2) CVs of the participating consultant(s) demonstrating suitable qualifications and experience;

(3) A high-level work plan for the assignment taking account of key touchpoints, including:

(a) intended approach to identify project developers;

(b) envisioned approach to supporting engagement between project developers and host countries; and

(c) envisioned approach for the knowledge product;

(4) A budget, broken down between the three phases outlined above.

The proposed budget must include day rates and the total price of the assignment as well as payment terms. All figures should be presented in EUR.

Please note that whilst our maximum budget is EUR 66,000, our tender evaluation will consider price as one of the key factors.

## Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on, but not limited to, the following formal criteria:

- 1) **Timeliness.** The proposals must be submitted on or before the stated deadline in order to be considered for further evaluation.
- 2) **Proposal Format.** The proposals shall follow the requested format and include all of its elements.
- 3) **Proposed Scope of Work.** Gold Standard will assess to what extent the proposal clearly addresses the needs of the assignment.
- 4) **Qualifications and Team.** Gold Standard will assess whether the proposed team possesses expertise and relevant experience to assure successful completion of the work and delivery of good quality outputs.
- 5) **Work plan.** The proposed work plan and approach will be assessed for efficiency, relevance and technical feasibility.
- 6) **Budget.** Gold Standard will assess if the budget is reasonable, adequate for the proposed work and provides good value for money.

## Contract Award

Gold Standard will award a contract to the proposal that best meets the needs of our project, the requirements of the funding institution and the principles of the Gold Standard procurement policy. We may also find that no proposal completely fulfils these needs and choose not to award a contract or alternatively to negotiate directly with one or more of the contractors to refine their proposals.

Proposals may be disqualified on the following grounds:

- Submission of an incomplete proposal
- Illegal conduct or attempts to influence the evaluation process
- Material misrepresentation in the proposal
- Determination that the contractor is in a conflict of interest or is unlikely to fulfil the terms or conditions of the proposal
- Requested changes by a contractor in the proposal representations made after the closing date
- Changes in laws or regulations affecting the solicitation

## Confidentiality

Proposals should not include proprietary or confidential information. Each recipient of this Request for Proposals should treat the contents of the solicitation as business confidential and should use and disclose the contents of the solicitation only for the purposes of preparing and submitting a proposal.

## Applications and closing date

Please submit your complete proposal to [hugh.salway@goldstandard.org](mailto:hugh.salway@goldstandard.org) no later than **8<sup>th</sup> March 2022. 18:00 CET.**

Indicative timeline	Due date
Release of the Request for Proposals	8 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Closing date of the application process	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
Indicative date for award of a contract	31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022