



Call for Consultants

Lucida Data Lead

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Deadline for Applications: All applications must be submitted before May 6, 2020 by 11:59 PM EST.

Application Submission Instructions: Please submit applications via e-mail to info@ca-trust.org with the subject line “**Lucida Data Lead_Last Name**”. Questions are accepted on a rolling basis to the e-mail address listed above.

Summary

Climate Advisers Trust seeks a qualified consultant to serve as Data Lead. The Data Lead will oversee data acquisition, creation, and use to support Lucida, a new initiative revealing the companies and financiers behind deforestation. The ideal candidate will be a self-starter who is comfortable identifying, assessing, and obtaining a variety of data sets related to land use, deforestation, supply chains, and company financing. The Data Lead will need to innovate new ways of securing the data necessary to support Lucida, including web-scraping, aggregating disparate data sources, and establishing new data partnerships.

Interested candidates should submit their application materials as soon as possible but no later than May 6, 2020. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

About CAT

Climate Advisers Trust is a respected research and public policy group dedicated to strengthening climate action in the United States and around the world. We work with governments, non-profit organizations, and private firms to develop the low-carbon economy through sound policy, strategic communications, and innovative advocacy efforts.

About the Project

With funding from the Norwegian Agency for International Development (Norad), Climate Advisers Trust is implementing the Operation Sunlight project.

Operation Sunlight aims to protect forests by catalyzing corporate and financial reforms in the global soft commodity sector. This will occur through the realization of three workstreams of the project: Lucida, Orbitas and Strategic Litigation. Together these initiatives will illuminate who funds deforestation, the financial risks of climate policy response to deforestation and holding those accountable who commit forest crimes.

Lucida aims to provide unprecedented insights into how companies, financiers, and individuals are linked to deforestation and unsustainable land use and illuminate wrongdoing by these economic actors. Based on a ground-breaking database created by the initiative, the platform will surface compelling information on the linkages among companies and financiers using dynamic visualizations, interactive modules, and user-driven story case studies.

Scope of Work and Outputs/Deliverables

The consultant will produce the following deliverables:

1. Identifying the types of data necessary to deliver on Lucida's vision
 - a. With the exception of financial databases, identify the types of data necessary to link companies and financiers to land-based impacts
 - b. Communicate the data needs to the broader project team at Climate Advisers
 - c. Work closely with the database developer to ensure alignment on data priorities
2. Where key data gaps exist, establish a strategy for curating that data
 - a. Identify the key data gaps, and possible sources of existing data to support those gaps
 - b. Where no data exists, create a strategy for generating that data either independently or with partners
 - c. Establish a timeline, budget, and project plan for generating new data
3. Assess potential data sources for quality, timeliness, coverage, and fit
 - a. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of potential data sets
 - b. Determine the priority data sets to acquire based on these strengths and weaknesses
 - c. Communicate issues in data quality, timeliness, coverage and fit to team members to ensure appropriate use in the platform and for analysis
4. Oversee coordination with database developer and the integration of data sets into the Lucida database
 - a. Inform the priorities for the database developer regarding financial databases based on understanding of project priorities
 - b. Communicate the state of data procurement for non-financial datasets to prepare the database developer to incorporate these data
 - c. Identify potential roadblocks or obstacles to integrating new data sets
5. Lead data partnerships
 - a. Establish and maintain partnerships with organizations and data providers
 - b. Identify collaboration opportunities related to obtaining partner data and providing access to Lucida data
 - c. Oversee MOU's and contractuals for data use with all partners, ensuring licensing conditions are recorded and respected in all Lucida work.

Key Skills and Experience:

The successful candidate will possess the following skills and experience:

- Experience in data analysis, data management, data mining, database creation, and/or data generation
- Knowledge of land use, supply chain, and deforestation data related to commodity production
- Experience uncovering hard-to-find data through unconventional methods, such as web-scraping
- Ability to assess, process, and analyse ingest data of different types
- Experience managing complex, multi-faceted projects
- Prior experience in using programming languages such as Python or others
- Fluency in Spanish language

Guidelines for Submission of Applications:

Applicants should be able to demonstrate capacity in similar work, particularly operational, technical, cost and management requirements. A successful application will:

- Submit a CV;
- Submit a cover letter that provides an overview of the individual's capacity to perform similar work, and
- Describe the consulting rate and/or fee structure and how Climate Advisers Trust will be charged.

We suggest that applications do not exceed 5 pages in length.

Selection Process

Climate Advisers Trust may award to the bidder offering best value without discussions. However, Climate Advisers Trust reserves the right to seek bidder clarifications and to negotiate with those bidders deemed to be within a competitive range.

Climate Advisers Trust may, at its discretion and without explanation to the prospective vendors, choose to discontinue this notice without obligation to such prospective vendors or make multiple awards under this notice.

Awarding of the contract resulting from this notice will be dependent upon the suitability of proposals received and funds available.

Contract Terms

Climate Advisers Trust will negotiate contract terms upon selection. All contracts are subject to review by Climate Advisers Trust, and a project will be awarded upon signing of a contract, which outlines -terms, scope, budget and other necessary items. Provisions of this notice and contents of the successful responses are considered available for inclusion in final contractual obligations.