Climate Specialist Consultant

Background

Textile Exchange is a global non-profit that works closely with our members to drive industry transformation in preferred fibers, integrity and standards and responsible supply networks. We identify and share best practices regarding farming, materials, processing, traceability and product end-of-life in order to reduce the textile industry’s impact on the world’s water, soil and air, human and animal populations.

Textile Exchange has an ambitious agenda for the fiber and material production side of the textile and apparel industry. It is our strategic intent, over the next 10 years, to be a driving force for urgent climate action in textile fiber and materials production. And as a leading influencer, our Climate+ Goals are to enable the Textile Industry by 2030 to reach a 30%* absolute reduction of GHG emission or CO₂ e from textile fiber and materials production without negatively impacting other important areas such as water and biodiversity.

Description of Consultancy

This scope of work is for a Climate Specialist to work closely with key internal leaders and external stakeholders on our 2030 Climate+ Strategy and related goals.

Key Deliverables:

- **Support Textile Exchange to:**
  a. Evaluate and set specific, ambitious, science-based fiber and material (pre-spinning) targets for the industry.
  b. Define the most urgent milestones for a 30% (or adjusted) absolute reduction of GHG emission or CO₂ emissions in the form of metrics at the production level and in corporate goals.
  c. Identify the most strategic partners in research and academics to support our goals for the industry over the next 10 years.

- **Targets and Indicators.**
  a. Align with Textile Exchange’s development of a framework to define Preferred Fiber/Material (PFM).
  b. Review our current fiber and materials roadmap; identifying and quantifying what it will take over the next 10 years to reach the 30% goal. Include methodologies and scenario-building that goes beyond GHG savings and toward carbon sinks/sequestration (e.g. forestry, regenerative agriculture).
  c. Provide key input & recommendations for:
     a. The best tools and metrics currently used & accepted globally to calculate carbon impacts of different raw materials.
b. Setting appropriate boundaries on impact attribution.
c. Key reporting frameworks and partners to strengthen our scope of influence.

Additional Details:
- This is a contract position that is entirely remote with little travel involved.
- Our ideal timeline is to start the project in early April and complete mid-2020.

To Apply:
Please send an email to Kathleen@TextileExchange.org with the subject line “Climate Specialist” and include the following:
- A cover letter detailing your relevant knowledge and experience pertaining to Climate & Carbon Impacts, Textile & Apparel Industry, Development of baselines and targets, and whatever else you think will be key.
- Your resume or CV; examples of your work and testimonies are also encouraged
- A description of your initial proposal, including estimated cost and timeline