Job Description – Contract Research Analyst

Datu Research (“Datu”) has an immediate opening for a full-time Master’s level Contract Research Analyst in Durham, NC. Under the direction of the Project Leader, the candidate will provide expertise in agricultural supply chains and sustainability, with a particular focus on stakeholder engagement. Working within an interdisciplinary team, the candidate will bring strong analytical and writing skills to complement existing expertise within Datu. Length of the initial contract term will be three months, with the possibility of extension. Compensation will be commensurate with experience.

**Responsibilities**

- Contribute to the design and implementation of a research project to inform investors about companies that sustainably source 7 key agricultural commodities

- Aggregate and analyze existing research, resources, and data related to the 7 key commodities. This will require identification of appropriate databases, data management, and quantitative economic analysis using a variety of statistical, mathematical programming, and database software packages (examples include Excel, Access, and Stata)

- Identify key risks and regional impacts associated with the supply chains for these commodities and highlight leading practice examples and frameworks for addressing commodity-specific impacts

- Clearly present research details and findings in written form through development of technical memos and, in collaboration with the Project Leader, a final report for publication

- Communicate and collaborate effectively with clients, project team members, and other collaborators

- Independently manage time and resources to meet deadlines and adhere to project budget

- Contribute to development of grant, cooperative agreement, and contract proposals as needed

- Assist with other Datu projects on a limited, as-needed basis to ensure compliance with deadlines

**Qualifications**

- Master’s degree or higher in environmental/resource economics, sustainable systems analysis, or a related discipline, with at least 2 years of experience in a research-driven role

- Demonstrated experience conducting analyses relevant to agricultural supply chains, commodity trade dynamics, and/or environmental sustainability

- Demonstrated excellent technical and interpersonal skills

- Strong analytical and time management skills

- Familiarity with global trade and industry databases (examples include UN Comtrade and Hoovers) strongly preferred
• Experience with risk exposure analysis and impact assessment strongly preferred

To qualify, applicants must be legally authorized to work in the United States and should not require now, or in the future, sponsorship for employment visa status.

About Datu

Created in 2012 by former analysts from Duke University’s Center on Globalization, Governance & Competitiveness, Datu Research provides decision makers the economic analysis they need to forge strategies that protect natural resources, create sustainable food systems, develop local economies, and increase climate resilience.

Equal Opportunity Employer

We are proud to be an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Application

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until the position is filled. Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter to smine@daturesearch.com.