

Request for Proposals: Pilot of Isotope Testing to Support the Yarn Ethically and Sustainably Sourced (YESS) Standards

ADDENDUM TO ORIGINAL RFP DOCUMENT

Addendum: #1

RfP: Pilot of Isotope Testing to Support the Yarn Ethically and Sustainably Sourced (YESS) Standards

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*The original RfP and all addenda can be found at the Verité website:
www.verite.org/careers.*

Addendum No. 1 – The following changes to the Request for Proposal and clarifications are provided based on questions received and must be added/considered when completing your submittal. Acknowledgement of receipt of this ADDENDUM is required in the Proposal Submission. Please clearly note the addendum date and number.

Verité’s “Request for Proposals: Pilot of Isotope Testing to Support the Yarn Ethically and Sustainably Sourced (YESS) Standards”, originally posted on November 23, 2022, is modified to include the following information:

Regarding Section 4, Scope Requirements, following is further information regarding the countries and regions desired for inclusion in the isotope fingerprint reference library.

Verité would like for the reference library to include a reasonable sample of the top cotton-exporting countries to India, as well as a reasonable sample of countries known to have a risk of forced labor in cotton production. The combined full list of top cotton-exporting countries to India and countries/regions known to have a risk of forced labor in cotton production includes:

Australia
Benin
Brazil
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
China – all China

China – XUAR
Côte d'Ivoire
Egypt
Greece
Israel
Kazakhstan
Mali
Pakistan
Sudan
Tajikistan
Togo
Turkey
Turkmenistan
USA
Uzbekistan

Additionally, Verité would like for the reference library to include a reasonable sample of the major cotton-producing states of India. The full list of major cotton producing states of India includes:

Andhra Pradesh
Gujarat
Haryana
Karnataka
Madhya Pradesh
Maharashtra
Orisha
Punjab
Rajasthan
Tamil Nadu
Telangana

Verite understands that applicants may not have available all of the desired isotopic reference fingerprints. Proposals should list the countries and Indian states available for inclusion in the isotope fingerprint reference library for this project from among the countries and regions described above. Preference will be given to applicants with isotopic reference fingerprints available for a reasonable sample of the above countries and regions, or a plan and process for obtaining these reference fingerprints.