

CALL for PROPOSALS

Status of Renewables in Energy Supply: Renewable Technologies authorship for the Renewables 2024 Global Status Report

About REN21

REN21 is the only global community of renewable energy actors from science, governments, NGOs and industry. We provide up-to-date and peer-reviewed facts, figures and analysis of global developments in technology, policies and markets to decision makers. Our goal: encourage and enable them to shift to renewable energy – now. For more information, visit www.ren21.net.

Objective

REN21 is looking for a consultant(s) to act as Renewable Energy Technologies author(s) for the 2023 GSR, who will work in close consultation with the REN21 Knowledge and Data Team (KDT) and the lead author of the Renewables in Energy Supply module.

Scope and Background of the Assignment

First released in 2005, REN21's *Renewables Global Status Report* (GSR) provides a comprehensive and timely overview of renewable energy market, industry, investment and policy developments worldwide. It enables policymakers, industry, investors and civil society to make informed decisions. The Renewables Global Status Report relies on up-to-date renewable energy data provided by an international network of hundreds of contributors, researchers, and authors. It is the most-referenced document on renewables worldwide. (For the latest edition of the GSR, see www.ren21.net/gsr.)

GSR 2024 Collection Structure

The *Renewables Global Status Report* collection will be divided into a sequence of modules published throughout the year including:

- (1) Global Overview
- (2) Renewables in Energy Demand: Agriculture
- (3) Renewables in Energy Demand: Buildings
- (4) Renewables in Energy Demand: Industry
- (5) Renewables in Energy Demand: Transport
- (6) Renewables in Energy Supply**
- (7) Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables
- (8) Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables

GSR 2024 Collection Timeline

The GSR Collection is planned to launch five (5) separate publication, as follows:

1. Global Overview – March 2024

2. Renewables in Energy Demand (Agriculture, Buildings, Industry and Transport) – April 2024
3. Energy Systems and Infrastructure for Renewables – June 2024
- 4. Renewables in Energy Supply – June 2024**
5. Economic and Social Value Creation with Renewables – September 2024

Each module will cover targets and policies, finance and investment as well as market developments and trends focused on each sector. The content of the GSR 2024 will be based primarily on data from 2023 (or, if unavailable, the newest accessible data). Each module will have an introduction and if relevant, supplementary sidebars, tables and notes. [\(For more information, please check GSR2023\).](#)

We are keeping the broad-spectrum sectoral and topical content of the Global Status Report which you know and are continuously contributing to. A Global Overview overarching module will describe and link the different modules to bring the overall vision of the global status of renewable deployment and trends. In addition to this it will comprise target and policy data, as well as investment and market development information in each module. As we have done in the past, there will be a separate document that contains a summary for policy makers on highlights of the GSR collection.

Background of the Assignment

This call for proposals covers Market developments chapter of the Status of Renewables in Energy Supply module, authors can choose **one or more technologies** to author.

The high-level structure of the Status of Renewables in Energy Supply includes the following chapters:

Status of Renewables in Energy Supply

- *Module Overview (Introduction and framing) (Secretariat Scope)*
- *Targets and policies (Topical Author scope)*
- *Finance and investment (Topical Author scope)*
- Market developments and trends for the following renewable energy technologies (each of which will be a section in this chapter):
 - Bioenergy – power, direct heat and fuels
 - Geothermal – power and direct heat
 - Heat Pumps – direct heat
 - Hydro – power
 - Ocean – power
 - Concentrated Solar – power and direct heat
 - Solar PV – power
 - Solar Thermal – direct heat
 - Wind – power
- *Case studies (to ensure geographical coverage)*

Description of Required Tasks and Qualifications

The contractor will support the REN21 Secretariat in conducting research for the 2024 edition of the *Renewables Global Status Report collection* and authoring the sub-chapter(s) of the module.

- Expected chapter length is estimated as follows:

Renewable Energy Technologies	Estimated number of words for each sub-chapter
Bioenergy	3,000
Geothermal	2,000
Heat Pumps	1,600
Hydropower	3,500
Ocean Power	1,200
Solar PV	3,500
Concentrated Solar Power	1,200
Solar Thermal	2,500
Wind power	3,500

Authorship of chapter(s)

- Prepare chapter(s) outline(s), including at least 2 figures (per technology) and relevant tables;
- Review data collected and provided by the Secretariat, critically evaluate indicators, and propose new indicators;
- Undertake research / collect data as necessary to:
 - Draw relevant information from the contributions collected by the REN21 Secretariat from country/regional, technology, and topical contributors; follow up with contributors as necessary to close data gaps
 - Complement available information through desk research and interviews with experts
- Author chapter(s)
- Incorporate comments following peer reviews (detailed outline and full draft)
- Produce related figures and tables
 - Critically review figures & tables from the previous edition of the GSR;
 - The contractor may propose and develop new figures and tables relevant to the chapter that help illustrate the status of renewable energy and important trends. Changes and additions should be discussed with the Knowledge and Data Team, Special Advisors, and the co-author(s) (if any);
 - Provide data and close data gaps for relevant figures, tables, and reference tables for selected indicators
- Review chapter(s) in layout to check for errors, inconsistencies in data and messaging, etc.
- Provide the GSR team with the renewable technologies chapter(s) in a timely manner and coordinate with the module author if necessary.
- Ensure that references/citations are provided for all statistics and other information/data and noted in full as endnotes. All references will be included in the final report.

All references must be produced using [Zotero/Mendeley](#), following ‘**Chicago- style 17th edition full endnotes without ibid**’. Referencing for all information will be done in accordance with REN21’s authoring guidelines

which will be shared with authors.

Other Authorship tasks

- Communication and occasional meetings with Knowledge and Data Team, Lead Author, Special Advisors and module co-authors;
- Review contributor database, data contributions, etc.;
- Review of report back matter, if needed (glossary, methodological note, etc.);
- Provide a detailed list of contributors (who provided data and information) for inclusion in the Acknowledgment section.
- Consult and collaborate closely with the Knowledge and Data Team on report preparation and incorporation of comments received during the peer review process;
- Make available all relevant background information and data to REN21.

Qualification requirements of contractor

- Proven track record of knowledge about the renewable energy sector, in particular topics relevant to the module
- Capacity to conduct high quality research and ability to write coherently following GSR style
- Related work experience
- Proficiency in English
- Openness to the collaborative nature of the project

Project Timeline

Status of Renewables in Energy Supply

What	By When (tentative)
Outline preparation	November 2023
Peer review outline	End November – December 2023
Data Collection & Authoring	December 2023 – March 2024
Peer review full draft	End March – April 2024
Editing and design	End April - May 2024
Launch	June 2024

Deliverables

What	By When (tentative)
Detailed Outline (bullet points)	12 November 2023
Peer reviewed draft	12 December 2023
First draft	18 March 2024
First draft of figures	25 March 2024
Integrating PR comments and finalising draft	22 April 2024
Final figures	29 April 2024
Integrating editor's comments and finalising section	6 May 2024

Proposal Requirements

The submission should include:

- A detailed resume of prospective author(s), highlighting related work experience.
- The contractor's specific interest in the project. The contractor's choice of chapter(s)/section(s) to author as part of the module. Please note that more weight will be given to proposals choosing multiple renewable energy technologies.
- An overview of written reports covering similar scope and focus.
- A writing sample that illustrates the contractor's knowledge of the renewable energy field and the specific module in question. This should include a brief proposed outline for the module.
- Proposed daily rate for carrying out the work.
- VAT rate or note that explains why VAT is not applicable.

Key Selection Criteria

- Cost of the offer – 30%
- Quality of the offer – 70%
 - Writing Sample and ability to provide a bundled proposal for 2 to 4 renewable energy technologies (30%)
 - Relevant experience and references (60%)
 - Flexibility and timeline – (10%)

Payment Schedule

Deliverables	Payment	Date
Deliverable 1: - Draft Outline - Final Outline	30%	12 December 2023
Deliverable 2: - First Draft Module - First Draft Figures - Integrated peer review comments and final figures	30%	25 April 2024
Deliverable 3: - Integrated Editor Comments - Final Module	40%	15 June 2024

Proposals should be addressed to: secretariat@ren21.net. Please mention “CFP –RE in Energy Supply _ (*specify technologies*) _ Authorship – contractors name” in the subject line.

The **deadline date** for receipt of proposals is **25 October 2023, 23:00 (CEST)**.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.