



To develop a 'data pack' on the properties, characteristics, and content of digestate that will provide context for the development of new uses of outputs from Anaerobic Digesters

Tender Invitation Document (TID) – Q&A

1. *“Are ADBA and the European Biogas Association official stakeholders in the project? What digestate information will be available from these sources for the project?”*

ADBA and the European Biogas Association (EBA) are not official stakeholders, though the Project Brief and TID associated with this work have been circulated to both parties. It is the responsibility of the tenderer/project contractor to contact organisations who may have data relevant to this project, to explore the data contribution that could be made, and to determine whether a fee would be incurred for such a data contribution. Our TID named ADBA and EBA as example organisations.

2. *“Is APHA an official stakeholder for this project?”*

APHA is not an official stakeholder for this project. During the course of the contract however, as per section 2.2.1 of the TID, the APHA should be contacted by the successful tenderer to seek its views on existing and any foreseeable constraints in Animal By-Products regulations, and any guidance that may constrain innovative uses of digestate.

3. *“We understand that this project will build on the information gained from the Research Hub's first project 'The development of a Research Library for the Organics Recycling Industry'. Has this first project undertaken, or will have undertaken prior to the commencement of project #2, any literature searching on the uses, other than direct application to land, of digestate, and if so, will these results be available for project #2?”*

The first project of the Research Hub is underway and is due to be finalised in January '21. Currently the project is on target for completion on schedule and all milestones so far have been met as per the delivery programme.

The key topics and their summaries, defined by means of an in-depth literature review, are currently in their final stages of development. They will be embedded and displayed within the Research Library by the end of the project.

4. *“Is the intention to make the report (or a summary) publicly available?”*

Section 2.3 of the TID, ‘Deliverables’ states that the datapack will automatically be made available to BCS and CCS scheme operators. Should wider industry, or any party/individual who is not a member of either scheme, wish to gain access to the datapack, this should be requested to REAL and will be granted on a case-by-case basis at REAL’s discretion. It is the intention of REAL to take a similar approach to the final report.

The report should include content that can be understood by a non-technical audience.

5. *“I would be very interested to know as to whether you have a target budget range in mind. This will then enable us to develop an appropriate scope of work ensuring the depth of research and the number of stakeholders engaged is appropriate.”*

A target budget range has not been allocated for the project; REAL is seeking quotes and invites creative approaches to fulfilling this tender. REAL will consider proposals that might differ widely in terms of their total prices.

During the tender evaluation period, REAL may liaise with the tenderers should they have any questions in relation to the tender documents submitted, this includes questions related to financials. REAL are open to suggestion; we look forward to receiving your proposals.

NB within Section 4, Evaluation Criteria, of the [Tender Invitation Document](#), REAL have weighted the cost of the work at 20%.

6. *“Could you please kindly confirm when the tenderers will receive written notification of REAL’s decision? The tender invitation document mentions Friday 23rd November, but it would be greatly appreciated if you could confirm if this is Friday 20th or Monday 23rd November 2020.”*

There is a typo within the Tender Invitation Document regarding dates/timeframes. Where the document says, ‘Tenderers receive written notification of REAL’s decision: Friday 23 November 2020’, the document should say ‘Tenderers receive written notification of REAL’s decision: **Friday 20 November 2020**’.