

# Tender Q&A Document

## *How the benefits of applying compost and digestate to soils can be accounted for under the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol*

### *Do you have a budget in mind for the work?*

REAL has produced an internal ballpark estimate for the project but do not plan to publish a definitive budget for this work. Rather, we are open to creative approaches to fulfilling this tender and will consider proposals that might differ widely in terms of their total prices.

The total costs of previous Research Hub projects can be found on the Research Hub website for reference but are not necessarily indicative of the budget for this project.

Section 5 of the [Tender Invitation Document](#) contains details about the criteria used to evaluate tenders. Please note that the cost of the work has a weighted value of 20% across all evaluation criteria.

### *In terms of 'analysing existing data' is this data to be provided by REAL or to be sourced from secondary sources by the contractor?*

REAL collects and retains technical data on compost and digestate through its role as the Compost Certification Scheme (CCS) and Biofertiliser Certification Scheme (BCS) administrator. These data may be requested by a third party—please see the REAL [CCS](#) and [BCS](#) Data Sharing Policies for more information.

Please note that each request is processed on a case-by-case basis and contractors may be required to comply with a Data Sharing Agreement specifying limitations and conditions for data use and publication.

If any data is required beyond what REAL is able to provide, it will be incumbent on the contractor to source this data independently.

### *As an output of the data analysis are you looking for a quantified inventory as part of the deliverable?*

Yes, REAL would like the contractor to deliver a quantified inventory using data on compost and digestate to produce realistic example values.

### *Noting that the new GHG Protocol on land use and removals is still in draft and pilot testing, the final publication is unlikely to be available for the contract start date. Are you looking for the assessment / project findings to be based on the draft protocol or is the contract date subject to change based on the final publication?*

Final publication of the GHG Protocol guidance on Land Sector and Removals is unlikely to occur until Summer 2023. While it is possible that the final draft of the guidance may change somewhat, we do not intend to postpone the contract to await the final version. Rather, the project should look at the draft guidance. The final output should report on the open questions

outlined on p.11 of the [draft guidance](#), with reference to how each option might impact GHG calculations and reporting for compost and digestate.

*Does this project scope cover digestate from sewage sludge as well as that of other organic wastes?*

The scope of this project does not include sewage sludge as this would fall outside of the scope of work relevant to BCS and CCS. However, it would be useful for the contractor to conduct a GHG calculation using example inputs from both waste (e.g., food waste) and products.