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Dear Sirs,

Chemical and GHG Sinks – Market Questionnaire

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is carrying out market engagement in anticipation of an upcoming procurement opportunity.

DEFRA anticipates a requirement to appoint a contractor to provide some evidence reporting on Chemicals and GHG Sinks in ODA eligible countries within Indo-Pacific and Sub-Saharan Africa regions. The enclosed documents, in particular the Terms of Reference (ToR), provide a detailed overview of our requirements.

DEFRA plans to approach the market via an open competition in the coming months. Ahead of our approach to the market we are undertaking a piece of market engagement activity, principally testing our proposed ToR.

We have enclosed a working draft of our ToR, KPIs and overview of the role and responsibilities to this letter and invite your review. Annexed to this letter you will find a market engagement questionnaire enabling your feedback.

This market engagement piece will inform our approach to the market. In the interest of momentum, we are seeking responses no later than **Friday 26th November 2021**.

Yours sincerely

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Higher Category Officer

Enc. Draft ToR

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Annex : Market engagement questionnaire

Question	Response
Based on the definition given, which of the following would you describe as a chemical contaminant? Artificial fertilisers; lead; mining slag; manure.	
Based on the definition given, which of the following would you describe as a greenhouse gas sink? Mangrove forest; estuary; landfill site.	
Are there other gases you would suggest including under the definition of a greenhouse gas?	
Is sufficient data available on chemically contaminated sites in the regions of interest? Can you suggest some data sources you would use?	
Is sufficient data available on greenhouse gas sinks in the regions of interest? Can you suggest some data sources you would use?	
Are maps the best form of output for Objective 1?	
What spatial scale do you think is achievable for Objective 1?	
Do you think that data on comparative levels of the quantity of stored GHGs, potential for GHG release/production, and/or levels of contaminants between sites is achievable?	
Is the suggested delivery timeline for the end of the financial year achievable? If not, what would you change about the project to make this achievable?	
Can you estimate an approximate cost for the project?	
Please provide any other observations, comments or feedback here.	
Are you party to any public spending frameworks	