1. **Do you have a budget for this work?**
   Budget has been made available that will be used towards contracting this project. During the tender evaluation, an assessment will be made on whether to proceed with all work packages based on tender responses. Bidders should submit responses based on completing the proposed scope in line with the tender response evaluation criteria. Please also see response to Question 8.

2. **What technology stack is the existing tool developed on?**
   The existing tool is developed in R with a 'Shiny' user interface. Further detail is available in the report from the first phase of tool development; this report can be made available to potential bidders upon request.

3. **Is it possible to see the current tool? Screenshots, link etc?**
   Please contact oliver.patrick@carbontrust.com to receive a copy of the final report from Phase 1 of the project, which contains further information and screenshots of the current tool.

4. **Do you see the project developed on top of the current tool or can a new tool replace the existing tool?**
   It would be preferable that the current tool be improved, however proposals to develop a new tool will be considered in line with the tender response evaluation criteria.

5. **As the tender is split into both the tech side and the academic side - would we, as the technical experts be able to partner with an academic for the research and data collection element of this project?**
   Proposals from consortiums that include academia are welcome.

6. **Would you be able to recommend a range of trusted academics we could contact to pair with?**
   It is down to each tender response to consider whom they partner with to deliver this project. Proposals from consortiums that include academia are welcome.

7. **Is the 'independent audit' applicable to the methodology underpinning the tool, or rather a check of the tool code confirming correct implementation of the existing methodology?**
   The independent review should consider the validity of the tool outputs, this is likely to include both considering the methodology underpinning the tool and of how these have been implemented within the tool (which may include checking underlying code).

8. **Is it possible to submit different sets of work schedules (Gantts) applicable to different combinations (and therefore costings and time requirements) of tasks within the ITT?**
   Yes, this is possible and in line with the ITT requirements.