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## Latest news from CCS

### Tender opportunities

REAL has recently published two tender invitation documents.

The first seeks to appoint a contractor to carry out the first project of REAL's Research Hub, titled 'The development of a Research Library for the Organics Recycling Industry'. The tender document can be found [here](#). The deadline for tender submissions is Friday 18th October 2019.

The second tender seeks to appoint an Independent Auditor to audit the REAL CCS/BCS Approved Laboratories. There may be one or several auditors to carry out checks on the laboratories for conformance under the CCS and BCS laboratory terms and conditions. The tender document can be found [here](#). The deadline for this is Friday 1st November 2019.

For those who wish to tender for either project/service, an electronic copy of the tender submission is required to be sent to Olivia FursseDonn at [Olivia@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:Olivia@realschemes.org.uk).

### Sampling workshop

REAL is running a half day sampling workshop near Edinburgh (20-minute drive away from Edinburgh airport) on 25th October for composting operators and staff. The workshop is based on REAL's new sampling guidance document, which replaces the 'Guidelines on Sampling Compost' document which was published in 2012.

The workshop will run from 1.30-4pm and will be free to attend. Please note, you will need to bring your own PPE. If you are interested in attending or have any further questions please email Molly Rogers at [molly@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:molly@realschemes.org.uk) or Thomas Aspray at [Thomas@realschemes.org.uk](mailto:Thomas@realschemes.org.uk).

### Scheme documents reminder

#### Request form

May we remind operators to continue to use the updated PAS 100 Compost Analysis Request Form. This is to be used when sending compost samples to the Approved Laboratories for certification. Applicants and operators are required to use this form under the CCS. There are now fields that indicate the type of sample being sent for testing and the purpose of analysis.

Additionally, the 'certification code' field must be populated with a valid certification code, for test results to be accepted. The updated PAS 100 Compost Analysis Request Form can be found [here](#). Please use this form for all samples sent for certification purposes going forward.

## CCS position on technical requirements

Operators are also reminded that the CCS Position on Technical Requirements document was also updated earlier this year. The purpose of the document is to provide clarity on specific technical requirements within the scheme documents and ensure consistency in the interpretation of these requirements. The document is located in the scheme rules tab in the Certification section of the CCS website and now also on the Guidance page.

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