

# INDEPENDENT MODELING EXPERT (IME) QUALIFICATION FORM FOR VMD0053 MODEL CALIBRATION, VALIDATION, AND UNCERTAINTY GUIDANCE

This form must be used by individuals or organizations aiming to serve as independent modeling experts (IMEs) under [VMD0053 Model Calibration, Validation, and Uncertainty Guidance for the Methodology for Improved Agricultural Land Management, V2.0](#) when evaluating the use of process-based biogeochemical models for estimating soil organic carbon stocks and GHG fluxes within a project applying [VM0042 Methodology for Improved Agricultural Management, V2.0](#). Verra will use the information provided in this form to appraise if the aspiring IME fulfills the minimum qualifications defined in *VMD0053 V2.0* Appendix 1. Verra will treat all information provided as confidential.

The aspiring IME must complete all the required information in the tables below and submit it electronically to Verra at [cajemian@verra.org](mailto:cajemian@verra.org). All information in the table must be completed using Arial 10 point or Franklin Gothic 10.5 point, black, regular (non-italic) font.

In addition to this form, the aspiring IME must submit a CV and supporting documents outlined below as evidence of their qualifications. Such documents may be submitted as attachments or included in an appendix to this form.

Upon receipt of a complete form, Verra will review the information provided and contact the references provided within 10 business days. Verra will inform the aspiring IME if minimum qualifications are met, upon receipt of a positive response from both references. Verra reserves the right to reject a received IME form where Verra, in its sole discretion, determines that the aspiring IME may not be able to provide competent evaluation services under the VCS Program.

Upon confirmation of meeting the minimum qualifications to serve as an IME, Verra will add the aspiring IME to the list of active IMEs for VMD0053.

*NB:* As stated in *VMD0053 V2.0* Section 5.2.6, IMEs are contracted by VVBs assessing VM0042 projects. Verra does not contract IMEs.

<b>Date</b>	<i>Date of submission</i>
<b>Name of aspiring IME</b>	<i>Name of aspiring IME</i>
<b>Affiliation</b>	<i>Organization, company, research institute, etc.</i>
<b>Contact details</b>	<i>Contact name, physical address, telephone, and email</i>
<b>Name and source of the model(s) the aspiring IME has expertise to evaluate</b>	<i>Name of model(s) to be evaluated, link to access or download the model(s)</i>
<b>Citation of peer-reviewed scientific publication(s), as first or co-authors, or reference to relevant project reports, presenting or using specific model(s).</b>	<i>Author or authors (Year of publication of the article), 'Article title', Journal title, volume of journal, issue number of journal, page range of article, download link (if available)</i>
<b>Expertise and experience</b>	<p><i>Describe competency in quantifying GHG fluxes, in particular SOC stock changes, associated with agricultural land management through the use of biogeochemical models, specifying specialization in certain practices or land-uses and regional/country expertise, if relevant. The aspiring IME shall have at least five years of relevant work experience applicable to the model(s) they evaluate.</i></p> <p><i>Such experience may be demonstrated and supported with direct work experience, peer-reviewed journal articles, publications, publicly available reports, and/or methodologies and standards developed, applied, or assessed. Max 1000 words.</i></p>

<b>Declaration of freedom from conflict of interest</b>	<i>As of the submission date, the IME attests that he or she is free from any conflict of interest and expects to be so for the duration of the assignment. The IME also agrees that if any potential or actual conflicts of interest emerge while performing the assignment, the IME will notify Verra within 5 business days. Where any conflict of interest arises and it cannot be managed to the satisfaction of Verra, the IME agrees that Verra may withdraw the approval as an active IME.</i>
<b>References</b>	<i>Name and contact information, including e-mail address, for two references, preferably researchers and academia staff or former staff.</i>
<b>Attached documents</b>	<i>List all documents submitted as part of the application. The aspiring IME must submit their CV/resume, which must not exceed three pages.</i>

By signing and submitting this application to Verra, I hereby attest the information presented above is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

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Signature of aspiring IME

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Name of aspiring IME

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Date