



Introducing Government Commercial Agency

Public procurement and commercial activity underpin how billions of pounds of taxpayers' money is spent each year, directly influencing the quality, efficiency and value of vital services provided to citizens across the country.

As part of the ongoing transformation to strengthen how these services are provided, we are creating the Government Commercial Agency (GCA).

From 1 April 2026, GCA will unite all commercial delivery expertise currently operating across the Cabinet Office's central commercial teams and Crown Commercial Service. This will significantly enhance our ability to support contracting authorities across the public sector to buy common goods and services in a streamlined and efficient way. This unified agency will drive even greater value for the nation and support the government's commitment to better public services.

What this means for your business

Many of you will be supplying the public sector through contracts that central government departments and other public sector organisations have put in place through a CCS framework. All these existing agreements, contracts and relationships continue as normal.

Leveraging over £400 billion in annual public sector purchasing power, GCA will streamline market access, create opportunities for businesses of all sizes (especially SMEs and voluntary organisations), and foster stronger, long-term partnerships. By aggregating spending and reducing bureaucracy, the GCA will ensure fair competition, promote innovation, and deliver value for money, benefiting businesses, taxpayers, and citizens alike, providing value for the nation.

What we're improving

Our enhanced partnership approach will lead to improved collaboration. By combining expertise and resources, we aim to better understand your needs, optimise value, and create long-term partnerships that benefit suppliers, contracting authorities, and ultimately citizens. This also brings greater opportunities and market access, as our enhanced

capability allows us to shape markets, aggregate spending effectively, and create more opportunities for businesses of all sizes, with a particular focus on SMEs and voluntary sector organizations.

You'll benefit from consistent standards and support through a single point of engagement ensuring clearer communication, consistent procurement standards, and better support throughout the commercial process. Finally, our alignment with the government's Plan for Change means we are focused on innovation and growth, actively seeking suppliers who can help deliver national priorities, drive innovation, stimulate economic growth, and contribute to a more efficient and effective public sector.

Supporting the government's priorities

This change supports the government's Plan for Change by positioning commercial expertise where it can drive the greatest impact. Operating as a self-sustaining trading fund, GCA can reinvest in continuous improvements including enhanced procurement frameworks, improved digital tools, and specialist capabilities.

The agency will help deliver on national and local priorities including stimulating economic growth, creating more opportunities for small businesses and voluntary organisations to supply the public sector, and maximising the benefits of the Procurement Act. GCA will also enable an expanded provision of expert services to the wider public sector.

With Sam Ulyatt as Chief Executive Officer and oversight from Government Chief Commercial Officer Andrew Forzani, GCA will ensure clear accountability and place commercial capability at the heart of government.

Government Chief Commercial Officer Andrew Forzani said: "Government Commercial Agency will centralise commercial activity, set best practices, and drive innovation. I am tremendously excited about working with Sam Ulyatt to build GCA to ensure it becomes the centre for commercial expertise and delivery across the public sector."

Sam Ulyatt, CEO of Crown Commercial Service, added: "We are confident that this enhanced commercial agency, working alongside public sector colleagues, will harness the significant expertise across government and wider public sector and drive greater value for the nation."

What happens next

GCA becomes operational on 1 April 2026. We'll contact existing suppliers with any actions you need to take.

RM6126 Management Information returns and Self Audit

We would like to remind you of your contractual obligations under RM6126 , **DPS Schedule 5** (Management Levy and Information) and **DPS Schedule 8** (Self Audit Certificate) of the Terms and Conditions.

Management Information MI Returns

- The management information (MI) return is a monthly report which all CCS suppliers are required to complete. If you have no information to report you must report a 'nil return.
- The MI return is submitted a month in arrears, i.e. December information will be submitted at the beginning of January .

Your MI return will contain the following information:

- Contracts - This is where you must report the contracts you have won during the reporting month. Please do not include anything that you have submitted in a previous month, as our system will double count it.
- Invoices Raised - This is where you must report all invoices raised within the reporting month. Ensure that this tab accurately reflects the invoices issued to the customer and that you invoice in line with the Letter of Appointment.
- Nil returns - If you have no invoices to report and you have not issued any invoices you must submit a 'nil return

Reminders:

- The levy to CCS is 1% on all invoices issued to the customer. This applies to the full charges and this amount cannot be varied or discounted.
- The levy is payable by the supplier and must not be passed on to the customer.
- CCS will send you monthly invoices for the 1% levy based on the value of invoices reported in your MI return.
- Suppliers are required to pay all invoices within 30 days of the date of issue

A link to the collection tool and other useful resources are available on the CCS supplier guidance web page. <https://www.reportmi.crowncommercial.gov.uk/>

Please contact mi.collection@crownccommercial.gov.uk if you have any queries

Self Audit

Suppliers must send DPS Schedule 8 to CCS once a year to confirm that their systems, reporting, and processing of public sector orders comply with the DPS contract.

In addition, we recommend that you review all work conducted since the framework's launch to confirm that your systems are accurately tracking DPS activity. We recommend that you undertake this in a similar manner to your annual self-audit.

Please send all completed Self Audits through to Info@crowcommercial.gov.uk

RM6126 DPS Assurance documentation - End of year reminder

Are you due to renew or have you just renewed your cover? Remember you must have the following documents in place to remain appointed on the DPS:

- **Insurance**
Professional Indemnity up to £1 million per individual claim
Public Liability up to £1 million per individual claim
Employer's liability with the minimum limit of £5 million as required by law
- **Carbon Reduction Plan**
You must have a carbon reduction plan in place, An on-line training session from Crown Commercial Service for suppliers on the creation of a Carbon Reduction Plan can be found [here](#).
- **Cyber Essentials Accreditation (or ISO 270001 as an alternative)**
You are required to obtain the Cyber Essentials basic accreditation. This must be renewed by the anniversary of its issue. We advise that you begin the renewal process at least 6 weeks before your current certificate expires. Further details on Cyber Essentials can be found [here](#)

Please send all renewal assurance documentation to cd-supplier-assurance@crowcommercial.gov.uk

NEW CCS Supplier Community on LinkedIn

Crown Commercial Service's dedicated space for suppliers and potential partners. Here you'll find expert insights, best practice guidance, and practical tips to help you navigate government procurement and maximise opportunities to work with the public sector.

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/ccs-supplier-community/>

Thank you

We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has participated in the DPS throughout the year. It has been a pleasure hearing about all the fantastic solutions for research and insights projects that have been implemented, and we're excited about the new and exciting opportunities that will land in the upcoming year. See you in 2026!



Seasons greetings and Happy New Year

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