

SUPPLY2.GOV.UK – A YEAR OF SUCCESS

27 June 2007 sees the first anniversary of the launch of the Supply2.gov.uk lower-value contracts portal, and what a first year it's been.

To date, approaching 50,000 suppliers have registered on the service, and over 43,000 contracts of all values have been published. Thousands of public sector organisations from across central and local government – including areas such as health, education, emergency services, housing associations and agencies – are now using Supply2.gov.uk to publish their lower-value (typically under £100,000) requirements.

Supply2.gov.uk, for which BiP Solutions is the service provider on behalf of the Department of Trade and Industry's Small Business Service, has enjoyed national and international recognition since it launched. The service has been praised by HM Treasury for its innovative approach and cited by the European Commission as a best practice means of advertising lower-value contracts.

For buyers, the good news is that Supply2.gov.uk is not only an effective and compliant means of advertising lower-value contracts, but also completely free to use. To join the thousands of other buyers advertising their contracts through the service (now including the MoD – see separate story on page one of this edition of NPS), simply visit www.supply2.gov.uk to register your organization.

Fiona Campbell, Brand Manager for Supply2.gov.uk, said:

"Supply2.gov.uk has had a successful first year, and we aim to build on that positive start. The service has undoubtedly increased the visibility of opportunities to businesses throughout the UK and provided buyers with more choice and innovation. We look forward to welcoming more buyers and suppliers to Supply2.gov.uk in the future."

