

**Bull Awarded Buying Solutions
Public Sector Framework Agreement**

***Public Sector organisations to benefit from increased operational efficiency,
cost savings and improved performance through the supply of flexible
IT Infrastructure Solutions from Bull***

London –12th April 2010 - Bull – the only European-based player that masters all the key elements of the IT value chain has been awarded a place on the public sector Commoditised IT Hardware and Software Framework Agreement by Buying Solutions, an executive agency of the Office of Government Commerce. This follows a rigorous procurement process, where Buying Solutions, the national procurement partner for UK public services, has confirmed Bull as a supplier to deliver IT infrastructure solutions through the framework. This replaces the previously named IT Goods and Associated Services Framework Agreement.

Commenting on this award Dr Mike McCaig, Director, Infrastructure Services & Marketing, Bull UK, said: "Being appointed as a supplier for the Commoditised IT Hardware and Software Framework Agreement is a clear demonstration of the confidence in Bull's ability to deliver innovative, sustainable and cost effective technology for public sector organisations. With a 40 year track record as a supplier to the public sector, this is recognition that our solutions can support delivery of objectives and targets against the Government's ICT Strategy and sustainability agenda."

"At Bull we appreciate the efficiency challenges that the public sector faces today and our experience comes from working in partnership with public sector organisations such as Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, Nottingham City Council, Cheshire County Council, Cardiff University and Manchester Metropolitan University amongst others," adds McCaig. "The award of this framework agreement by Buying Solutions gives us the opportunity to show what we can do to deliver innovation and operational efficiencies to this sector in these difficult times. Some of the latest technology servers for virtualisation of enterprise applications, that we are announcing this year, should make a real contribution to cost and carbon savings in data centres."

Through the Buying Solutions catalogue Bull will provide public sector organisations access to a server portfolio ranging from entry level servers to high-end super computers, vendor agnostic storage solutions and networking infrastructures. As a framework supplier Bull will also offer added value services from pre-sales consultancy through to solution design, implementation and support. As a corporation Bull has a specific focus on ensuring that its products and solutions meet open and energy standards.

The agreement runs for the next three and a half years, which goes beyond the deadline for public sector organisations to meet targets set under the Operational Efficiency Programme.

Commenting on the announcement of the framework agreements, Chris Cliffe, Senior Project Manager, Buying Solutions said: "Following a fully EU-compliant and rigorous procurement process, we are delighted with the quality and variety of suppliers who have been awarded a framework agreement and are confident that

these will provide an excellent service to our public sector customers, helping them to meet their IT procurement needs.”

Lesley Meeks, ICT Procurement Director, Buying Solutions also stated: “The Commoditised IT Hardware and Software framework agreement has been developed in consultation with our public sector customers and structured so that a wide range of IT products and services can be quickly and efficiently procured via an EU-compliant route to market. We are confident that our customers will find this new arrangement easy to use and will deliver significant savings.”

About Buying Solutions

Buying Solutions is the national procurement partner for UK public services and is an Executive Agency of the Office of Government Commerce in the Treasury. Working in close collaboration with customers across the public sector, the organisation provides a professional procurement service, enabling it to deliver improved value for money in commercial activities. Buying Solutions has extensive procurement expertise, providing access to over 500,000 products and services delivered through more than 1,000 suppliers in Professional Services, Property & Office Solutions, Energy, Travel, ICT and eCommerce. Its EU-compliant benchmarked framework agreements and other procurement arrangements simplify the procurement process making it quicker and easier for customers to procure the goods and services they need.

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