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Planning

Digital Payments and Associated Data Services

Crown Commercial Service

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Scope

Reference

RM6411

Description

Crown Commercial Service (CCS), as the Authority is intending to put in place a collaborative agreement, designed to deliver a Digital Payments & Associated Data Services framework, accessible to all of the Public Sector. This forthcoming framework which aims to drive Payments and Financial Data innovation, is intended to simplify, accelerate, and enhance access to solutions. It will provide a compliant procurement route to market that delivers value and innovation, moving towards a future where financial data provides actionable intelligence.

The procurement of this framework will be let under the new Procurement Act 2023 Regulations and will be designed to cover a broad spectrum of Digital Payments and Associated Data Services, including:

? Digital Payment Management: Handling the processing and administration of both

incoming and outgoing digital payments.

? High-Volume Transaction Capabilities: Facilitating the execution of large-scale, bulk payment types

? Enhanced Security and Data Insights: Using financial data to provide operational transparency, minimise processing errors, and effectively reduce fraud.

To inform the design and development of this new framework, CCS will conduct extensive market consultation and engagement, commencing in March 2026 and running through to September 2026.

This period of consultation is designed to:

? Gather insights from Industry Experts, Buyers and Suppliers, to shape the final procurement strategy.

? Discuss and validate the potential requirements for the resulting framework.

? Provide a platform for prospective bidders to share expertise to help deliver a framework that is relative to the market.

The engagement will be structured into numerous phases, focusing on key areas:

? Payment Acceptance & Gateway Services

? Open Banking Services (Payment Initiation, CVRP & Confirmation of Payee)

? Bulk & Recurring Payment Fulfillment (BACS, Direct Debit/Credit, Faster Payments)

? Payment Orchestration and Alternative Financial Innovation

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,200,000,000 excluding VAT

- £1,440,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2027 to 30 August 2031
- 3 years, 11 months, 30 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 66110000 - Banking services
- 66170000 - Financial consultancy, financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 66172000 - Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 72212440 - Financial analysis and accounting software development services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 September 2026

Engagement process description

CCS will conduct a webinar providing further detail, followed by multi-stage market engagement from March 2026 through September 2026.

Engagement will be with both Buyers and Suppliers and will be categorised into four stages:

1. Stage 1: Payment Acceptance & Gateway Services.
2. Stage 2: Open Banking Services (Payment Initiation, Account Information, and Confirmation of Payee).
3. Stage 3: Bulk & Recurring Payment fulfillment.
4. Stage 4: Payment Orchestration and Alternative Financial Innovation.

How to Participate:

Action: Using the template below, please email your expression of interest to:
digitalpayments@crowncommercial.gov.uk

The deadline for expressions of interest will be no later than Thursday 12th March 2026.

Timeline: Market engagement sessions are scheduled to commence from April 2026.

Expressions of Interest Template:

I am writing to formally express [Company Name/ Buyers Name]'s interest in participating in the upcoming market engagement sessions for the Digital Payments & Associated Data Services framework.

We understand that CCS is seeking to drive innovation through this new agreement, and we are keen to contribute our expertise to the consultation process.

Based on our capabilities, we would like to register our attendance for the following stages:

? [Delete as appropriate: Stage 1: Payment Acceptance & Gateway Services]

? [Delete as appropriate: Stage 2: Open Banking Services]

? [Delete as appropriate: Stage 3: Bulk & Recurring Payment Fulfillment]

? [Delete as appropriate: Stage 4: Payment Orchestration and Alternative Financial Innovation]

Primary Contact Details:

? Name: [Name of Attendee/Lead]

? Job Title: [Job Title]

? Email: [Email Address]

? Phone: [Phone Number]

We look forward to receiving further details regarding the session dates and agendas.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name] [Your Job Title] [Company Name]

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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