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From 01 April, most business and public sector organisations will be able to choose which company supplies their water and associated services like automated meter reading, leak detection and customer service.

Partnership approach

Crown Commercial Service is joining forces with YPO, The Energy Consortium, ESPO, NEPO, West Mercia Energy and the MoD to bring the largest public sector water framework agreement to the UK market.

The agreement will help the public sector to save more than £20 million over four years, with central government as well as schools, colleges, universities, museums, housing associations, councils, the blue light services and NHS Trusts all among those eligible to access it.

Sam Ulyatt, Strategic Category Commercial Director for Crown Commercial Service says: 'The opening up of the water market will create a unique opportunity for efficiency and collaboration and this is the first agreement of its kind in the UK.'

The multi-supplier framework will be live and available for the opening of the market in April, running for 3 years with the option to extend by a further 12 months.

Find out more

CCS will be carrying out an e-auction on behalf of interested customers in May 2017.

To find out more about the new public sector water framework, email water@crowcommercial.gov.uk.

For further information about the water market and the CCS offering please visit [the CCS 'Buy Water' web pages](#)

Full information regarding the water market opening can be found at OpenWater.org