

RM6173 Automation Marketplace DPS  
Buyer Webinar Q&A  
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#	Question	Response
1	Will the slides be shared later ?	Yes the slide pack and Q&A responses will be published on the agreement page under the 'Documents' section on WC 30th March 2020.
2	<p>For my contracts it may not be appropriate to buy directly from the DPS at this stage but we would certainly benefit from understanding the market and talking to suppliers who may be able to offer services in the future.</p> <p>Are we able to see a list of suppliers on the DPS at present in relation to specific automation services?</p>	<p>If you register as a buyer through the Supplier Registration System (<a href="https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/login?qlid=%40NjJNT08%3DTUZsVVRnPT0%3D">https://supplierregistration.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/login?qlid=%40NjJNT08%3DTUZsVVRnPT0%3D</a>) you can access the DPS and (similar to G Cloud) you can use the DPS filters/ subfilters to create an eligible supplier list. You could use this list to undertake a pre-market engagement exercise. This phase is about ensuring that the market has a clear understanding of your requirements and to allow you to further shape your specification, gather ideas on new innovations and understand if there are any changes within the market that may influence your requirements.</p> <p>This activity must be undertaken in a fair and transparent way providing each supplier in your shortlist with an equal opportunity. This phase is not about refining your shortlist.</p> <p>If you decide to speak to the market ahead of your call for competition, you must prepare an outline of your draft specification before you contact suppliers. You will need to contact all the suppliers from your shortlist but you can choose how you contact them - for instance you can email them for information, invite them to an event or meeting to discuss your requirement or issue a formal Request for Information.</p>
3	Can you see the full lists of the companies in the categories on one of the links that is in the slide pack? In a similar way to how you can search G Cloud?	The current appointed supplier list is not available in the slide pack. However, if you register as a buyer through the Supplier Registration System (SRS) you can access the DPS and (similar to G Cloud) you can use the DPS filters/ subfilters to create an eligible supplier list.
4	Is there guidance on which framework/DPS buyers should use? Is there an issue/are buyers advised if there is a better CCS framework if they have a preference for a particular framework?	<p>You can access the all frameworks in the 'Technology' category through this link <a href="https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/pillar/technology">https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/pillar/technology</a>.</p> <p>Each agreement has its own description and documents section so you can explore which agreement is right for you. If you're still unsure you can contact CCS using the form: <a href="https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/contact">https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/contact</a>. The team can recommend a suitable agreement based on your requirements.</p>

