

Wates FM To Grow Public Sector Portfolio with Framework Appointment

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Wates Facilities Management (FM) is set to expand its presence in the public sector following its appointment to two lots of Crown Commercial Service's (CCS) £35BN Facilities Management and Workplace Services Framework.

The appointment has seen Wates FM become a CCS supplier for Lot 2A and 2B of the framework, through which it will provide facilities management for a range of public sector bodies, including schools, hospitals and Government departments.

Crown Commercial Service supports the public sector to achieve maximum commercial value when procuring common goods and services. In 2020/21, CCS helped the public sector to achieve commercial benefits equal to £2.04bn – supporting world-class public services that offer best value for taxpayers.

CCS's new Facilities Management and Workplace Services Framework is aligned to the Government's Sourcing Playbook and has an emphasis on quality, for which Wates FM scored very highly in the areas of sustainability, service delivery and continuous improvement.

Social value will form a significant part of contract delivered through the framework, reflecting Wates FM's own commitment to ensuring diversity and inclusion, creating opportunities for training and employment and embedding social enterprises within its supply chain.

The appointment has seen Wates Group build on its current position as a CCS supplier, which includes a number of CCS's suite of buildings frameworks. These include CCS's Construction Works and Associated Works and the Government Hubs Fit-Out Framework.

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James Gregg, Managing Director of Wates FM, commented: “As an FM provider that has proudly been working within the public sector for a number of years, we know that value for money will always be a primary concern for our clients. Framework procurement is a very powerful means of achieving cost efficiency and this comes with an assurance that clients will always receive a high quality service.

“We see ourselves very much as partners to our clients and procurement via the CCS Facilities Management and Workplace Services Framework will create an environment where we can understand a client’s needs and provide a service that enhances their operations. In every case, this will come with a promise that we will invest in extensive social value initiatives to ensure our work through the framework has a meaningful impact on those around us.”

Wates FM’s presence on public sector frameworks also include Fusion 21’s Workplace and Facilities Framework, to which it was appointed in March 2021. Running for four years, the framework is available to Fusion 21’s public sector members to support the procurement of a range of specialist workplace and facilities services.