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### **New Initiative with Barclaycard Commercial**

@UK PLC have teamed with Barclaycard Commercial to offer a combined solution which integrates the @UK PLC electronic marketplace with Barclaycard Commercial's Government Procurement Card (GPC) payment solution.

The combined solution has been selected following a further competition exercise conducted with a number of GPC Visa Card Issuing Banks which was managed by Buying Solutions (formerly known as OGCbuying.solutions) on behalf of the London Procurement Programme for the London NHS under the terms of the GPC Framework Agreement.

Market testing for the new service is planned to take place at NHS pilot sites in London during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2009. Beyond this, the service may be offered more widely across the public and private sectors.

@UK PLC has been working with Barclaycard for 10 years providing an integrated solution of ecommerce and electronic credit card acceptance for companies wishing to sell goods via the internet. This new service takes that existing capability and links it into buy-side eProcurement, substantially increasing the availability of line item on transactions to GPC users.

This initiative also supports the Government objective of 10 day payment to SME's, as suppliers wishing to use this service will be paid within 3 days.

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Notes to Editors

Previous Announcement

This is the significant marketplace contract that was mentioned in the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2009 trading update.

@UK PLC

Is a leading UK electronic marketplace provider, that has formed over 170,000 companies using its SiteGenerator ecommerce engine and is providing ecommerce to NHS Suppliers as part of NHS Cat with NHS Supply Chain.

@UK PLC have an OGC Buying Solutions framework contract for the provision of its new Spend Analysis services.

@UK's software provides a secure internet eMarketplace enabling buyers such as local authorities, schools and hospitals to buy online from commercial suppliers ranging from large corporations to small to medium enterprises (SMEs). This allows buying and selling to take place with no paperwork and transposition reduced chance of errors, achieving major savings throughout the supply chain.

@UK PLC also offers services to new businesses, including incorporation, company secretarial services and filing annual returns.

@UK is included in the Software and Computer Services Sector (9530). For further information please visit [www.uk-plc.net](http://www.uk-plc.net).

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