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The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)'s Supply2.gov.uk portal was officially launched at the B2B London event at Earls Court 2 on 27 June.

In his opening address, DTI Minister Jim Fitzpatrick MP urged both government buyers and private sector suppliers to utilise the portal and take full advantage of the features and benefits it offers.

That is exactly what has happened since the launch, with thousands of registered users experiencing the benefits that Supply2.gov.uk has to offer.

Buyers can submit their lower-value contracts through the portal, free of charge, and catch the attention of the specialist suppliers that they have always wanted to target. That target audience has in fact now swollen to just under 15,000 suppliers, a figure that is growing every day.

The Supply2.gov.uk portal gives businesses a better opportunity to identify and bid competitively for relevant contract opportunities. The portal is particularly useful for small businesses, and was created in response to recommendations made by the Better Regulation Task Force and the Small Business Council to enhance the competition for lower-value public sector business opportunities. Suppliers can receive notification, by a daily email alert, of opportunities appropriate to their business, in their chosen area, free of charge.

The Supply2.gov.uk portal can help buyers to achieve the most competitive bids for their contracts. Registering as a buyer is quick and easy to do, and helps to ensure that your organisation does not fall foul of the European Commission's stance that lower-value contract notices should be advertised to a degree adequate to ensure there is sufficient competition to deliver best value.

For more information on Supply2.gov.uk, or to register as a buyer or supplier, go to www.supply2.gov.uk