

## **More buyers select accreditation**

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THE HEALTHCARE Commission and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) have become the latest public sector buyers seeking to improve their procurement by signing up to BiP Solutions' **Select Accredit** service.

Select Accredit is the national pre-qualification service designed to help ensure suppliers to the public sector meet the required nationally recognised standards when contracting. It guides applicants through a tailored vetting service, which incorporates the same standards as those set by the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) for Constructionline.

Select Accredit allows suppliers to simply register their details online, improving efficiency by offering a single annual assessment for all tenderers. Once suppliers are accredited, they can access thousands of potential public sector buyers. As key buyers charged with procuring requirements from suppliers ranging from small enterprises offering specialised services to large, established businesses, the Healthcare Commission and DVLA are set to benefit greatly from the Select Accredit service.

By using pre-accredited suppliers, these buyers gain reassurance that their suppliers meet the required standards in their technical, legal and financial capacities, which helps reduce risk when contracting. Reducing risk helps authorities to achieve all-important value for money – the benefits of which are then passed on to the taxpayer.

Welcoming the Healthcare Commission and DVLA to the ranks of the service's many users emphasises that Select Accredit provides a comprehensive accreditation service for the whole of the public sector – from local authorities to large government agencies.

To find out how your organisation can adopt Select Accredit, call **0845 270 7094**, email <mailto:sales@bipselect.com> or visit <http://www.bipselect.com/accredit>