

About the Office of Government Commerce
...our promise to the public sector

Working together
to deliver better value

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Helping Government get more for its money

Our job at the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) is as clear as it is important: to help Government get the best possible value for money from its spending.

We do that by improving the way government departments and other public sector organisations spend money on procurement, on major projects, and on its estate.

Ultimately our work contributes to the delivery of better public services, as well as wider policy goals such as sustainability, innovation, equality and support for small and medium-sized enterprises.

Following the publication of *Transforming Government Procurement* in 2007 we overhauled every aspect of our service. This resulted in a more focused OGC dedicated to the delivery of world-class public services by making sure every penny the Government spends on third-party goods and services gives good value for money.



The OGC team is determined to have both relevance and impact – relevance to Government's value for money and wider policy goals and impact in delivering real and quantifiable improvement.

This document provides an overview of OGC's delivery promise, our key goals, vision and values. We believe that by following through with this promise we will help deliver real change and improvements in public sector procurement.

Nigel Smith

Chief Executive

Office of Government Commerce

OGC in a nutshell



Deliver...

By 2010/11 we aim to:

- help achieve significant savings in procurement and estates
- improve large project delivery outcomes
- identify capability gaps and start closing them
- lead delivery of sustainability targets
- institutionalise best-practice sharing
- support policy objectives.

...through a combination of:

- clear policy and standard setting
- collaboration and partnership working
- improved performance management, grounded in knowledge and the provision of evidence-based assurance
- promoting and developing professional capability and skills.

Value...

Turning values into value



Our values and what they mean

One of the ways we can help Government achieve the maximum value for money from its spend is by being 100% clear about how we ourselves should behave. Our values help us to do this. They are the yardstick against which we measure our actions.

Our values are:

- **Collaboration.** We work as one team to support and empower our stakeholders.
- **Respect.** We value each other and our stakeholders and through consistent and excellent delivery earn their trust and respect.
- **Goal focus.** We are determined to achieve the outcome and pursue it with clarity, pace and commitment.
- **Challenging.** We question the accepted route, unafraid to take on difficulties in the pursuit of the right outcome.
- **Informed.** To be effective we need to be knowledgeable, bringing to bear our expertise, experience and insights.

OGC's six key goals



Goals...

Everything we do is dedicated towards achieving six key goals that emerged during recent consultation with OGC stakeholders.

- **Delivering value for money** from third-party spend.
- **Delivering projects** to time, quality and cost, realising benefits.
- **Getting the best** from the Government estate.
- **Improving the sustainability** of the Government estate and operations.
- **Supporting the delivery** of further Government policy goals.
- **Improving central Government capability** in procurement, project and programme management and estates.

Achieve...

In short, we aim to become more strategic, more relevant and have greater impact. We want to build on our strengths to promote a team approach and make OGC a more effective organisation for the public sector.

Here's what we aim to achieve for each key goal:

- **Delivering value for money** from third-party spend – significant savings delivered from collaborative category management, building on the £8 billion savings made from procurement efficiencies as part of the Gershon efficiency drive.
- **Delivering projects** to time, quality and cost, realising benefits – measurable improvement in delivery of Government projects to time, quality and cost.
- **Getting the best** from the Government estate – £800 million of savings from our High Performing Property strategy and 20,000 posts relocated out of London and the South East by 2010/11.
- **Improving the sustainability** of the Government estate and operations – including the reduction of carbon emissions from the Government estate by 12.5% by 2010/11, through stronger performance management and guidance.
- **Supporting the delivery** of further Government policy goals – including support for goals on innovation, equality, and for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).
- **Improving central Government capability** in procurement, project and programme management and estates – measurable improvement in Government procurement, Project and Programme Management (PPM) and estate management capability.

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