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## **PORTAKABIN AWARDED FOUR-YEAR FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT TO SUPPLY MODULAR BUILDINGS TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR**

**Government Procurement Service, an executive agency of the Cabinet Office, has awarded a four-year framework agreement to *Portakabin* for the supply of modular buildings to the public sector.**



The framework agreement simplifies the procurement process for publicly-funded organisations, significantly reducing both cost and time. As part of the new framework, customers selecting *Portakabin* will benefit from rapid procurement and cost-effective modular building solutions, avoiding costly, compulsory competitive tendering.

Government Procurement Service is the largest professional buying organisation in the public sector and the only body with a legal remit to trade across the whole of the public sector. In the past year, it managed £7.6bn of customer spend through its procurement arrangements and services, working with 14,500 customers across 1,400 organisations in central Government, health, education, local government and other areas.

This latest framework follows a rigorous, independent assessment of the buildings and services offered by *Portakabin*, including its assurance of supply, quality management procedures, regulatory compliance, innovation and cost.

The new framework agreement with *Portakabin* includes the supply of modular buildings for both sales and hire, and for applications such as offices, kitchens and restaurants, education facilities for nursery, primary, secondary and further education, and in the healthcare sector, buildings for consultation, patient accommodation and operating theatres.

Commenting on the new agreement, Robert Snook, Director and General Manager of *Portakabin Hire* said, "This is one of the most significant framework arrangements in our sector and we are absolutely delighted to have been successful. It follows our work under the previous framework for the past four years and a very rigorous competitive tendering and selection process over recent months."

"We already supply modular buildings across the public sector, from hospitals to schools, Ministry of Defence sites and local authorities. This new pan-Government initiative will radically reduce procurement time for our public sector customers and deliver significant cost savings."

As a result of the new agreement, public sector organisations and Government departments will have access to the technical expertise offered by *Portakabin* and a wide range of modular building solutions as well as its network of more than 50 hire centres across the UK.

Government Procurement Service framework suppliers are available to any organisation that is more than 50 per cent publicly funded, as well as private sector specifiers working for the public sector – such as architects, engineers and facilities management companies.

**For further information about modular buildings for permanent and interim applications, visit [www.portanews.co.uk](http://www.portanews.co.uk), email [information@portakabin.co.uk](mailto:information@portakabin.co.uk) or call 0845 401 0010.**

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## Editor's Notes

1. *Portakabin* modular buildings offer a range of advantages over site-based construction, including:
  - Programme times reduced by up to 50 per cent
  - Highly flexible and innovative accommodation, such as *Ultima Vision* – a fully glazed modular building available for hire, and *Titan* – the largest single modular building in Europe
  - Enhanced quality and a robust steel-framed construction
  - The provision of buildings with significantly less disruption
  - A wide variety of aesthetic and fitting out options to reduce procurement time.
  
2. *Portakabin* is a registered trademark.