

Context

The Small Business Panel was established in 2011 to advise the Government on how to help more small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) win public sector contracts.

The Panel consists of a range of micro, small and medium business leaders across industry sectors. The group will work collaboratively with the Small Business Policy Team and the Small Business Crown Representative to help government get best value from smaller businesses.

Purpose of the SME Panel

The panel is a consultative industry-focussed body advising Government on the Small Business agenda. It is focussed on improving the opportunities for small business to engage with and compete for central government business in order to positively affect the percentage of central government spend with SMEs.

Membership of the Small Business Panel

(List of members at Annex 1)

The Small Business Panel consists of a number 25 representatives from smaller businesses and trade and industry bodies spanning the sectors that the public sector buys from. Appointments are initially for a 12 month period and may be renewed for a further 12 months by agreement of both parties.

Role of Members

The role of the Small Business panel members will include:

- Helping identify remaining barriers to small businesses' success in selling to government and work with government to help remove them
- Representing their sectors to help identify specific sectoral issues for small businesses, and feeding back as appropriate to those sectors
- Providing feedback on and constructive criticism of existing and new initiatives
- Providing comment on new policy consultations which relate to SMEs

- Supporting strategic opportunities for Government to secure better value via small businesses
- Acting where appropriate to communicate the agenda internally and externally with industry bodies and within their field.
- Advising Ministers on Government's engagement with small businesses.

Annex 1 - SME Panel Members

Name	Organisation
Anne Wilson	ACW Advisors
Anne-Sophie Lendrevie	Barclays - Techstars
Arnab Dutt	Dexo Technologies
Campbell McDonald	Baxendale
Elizabeth Vega	Informed Solutions
Farida Gibbs	Gibbs Hybrid International
Farooq Mohammed	es-p
Graham Lancaster	TORI Global Ltd
Hugh Griffiths	Inzpire Ltd
Ian Fishwick	AdEPT Telecom
Jonathan Lewis	The Live Group
Judith Hall	SmartSourcing
Kris Saxton	Automation Logic
Mark Jankovich	Delphis Eco
Mark Smith	TopMarks Claims Management
Mark Thompson	Ryder Architecture Ltd
Nancy Pallares	FLIR Systems Ltd
Owen Derbyshire	Datblygu Cymru
Pamela Cook	Infoshare Ltd

Paul Edwards

P & S Automation

Rashmi Dube

Legatus Law Ltd

Rob Driscoll

Excellence in Electrotechnical and Engineering Services
ECA

Stephen Kingan

Nexor Ltd

Steve Watmough

Mason Advisory

Tim Colman

Abacus HR