

DMO announcement to GEMMs: 3 November 2006

Automated Bid Capture (ABC) system for the collection of bids at gilt auctions

The DMO wishes to inform you that, following a competitive process, Bloomberg L.P. has been selected to provide a service that will automate the collection of bids for DMO conventional and index-linked gilt auctions.

The solution will make use of Bloomberg's established Bond Auction System and will enhance the operational effectiveness and resilience of the auction process.

The auction allocation and results process will remain largely unchanged. Over the coming weeks the DMO and Bloomberg will be in contact with you about a demonstration and implementation of the new system which is currently planned to come into effect in early 2007.