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## **PIN: UK\_331 - Trapped Cash Solution (Global Payment Service Provider (PSP)) - BC/03765**

British Council

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dad4

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

British Council

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org)

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/britishcouncil>

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/britishcouncil>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Registered Charity

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

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#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 66115000 - International payment transfer services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The British Council is seeking to conduct a market engagement with suppliers who can provide Online Payment Acceptance Services in challenging markets, primarily South-East Asia and Africa. Intend Reference: BC/03765

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 66115000 - International payment transfer services
- 66122000 - Corporate finance and venture capital services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

All our commercial exam operations in all our countries face a currency mismatch – local currency revenue and GBP costs (primarily Exam Board fees). This income is collected from customers in a range of payment journeys:- Where the customer is paying while in an online journey- The customer is paying cash in an office or teaching centre- The customer pays electronically but is not in an online journey British Council is investigating options to engage a specialist payment providers handling the British Council Online Payments across our challenging markets, primarily South-East Asia and Africa. Their service will enable the customer to pay in their local currency for any product and the British Council to receive hard currency in the UK.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 June 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes