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Planning

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

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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Reference number

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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

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