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Contract

## **Progress in Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2026**

Scottish Government

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UKM - Scotland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

[https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482](https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Progress in Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2026

Reference number

664928

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

The Scottish Government is placing a contract for the provision of research and evaluation services in relation to a Progress in Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)2026. The contract starts on 29th February 2024 and ends in 28th March 2027.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £672,330.89

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73110000 - Research services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

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

The Scottish Government is awarding a contract with an external Service Provider for the provision of IEA Progress in Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) 2026. The Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS) is an international comparative study directed by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA). The aim of PIRLS is to assess and compare the reading performance of pupils across at approximately 9 to 10 years of age. The assessment is undertaken using a reading literacy test completed by pupils and a questionnaire completed by pupils'

teachers, headteachers, and parents/guardians. The development work for PIRLS 2026 will be carried out by the IEA International Study Center (ISC) at Boston College, USA. However, for each study, each participating country is expected to provide a National Research Coordinator (NRC) to help review test material, to carry out the fieldwork in their own countries to standards specified by the International Study Centre (ISC), and to produce an encyclopaedia article which describes education policy and practice in their country. The Service Provider will be required to conduct the fieldwork and undertake NRC duties.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: SERVICE DELIVERY AND APPROACH / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: PROJECT AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: STAFF, SKILLS AND RESOURCE / Weighting: 30%

Quality criterion - Name: CYBER SECURITY / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: CLIMATE EMERGENCY / Weighting: 1%

Quality criterion - Name: COMMUNITY BENEFITS / Weighting: 2%

Quality criterion - Name: FAIR WORK FIRST / Weighting: 5%

Quality criterion - Name: BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND DISASTER RECOVERY (BCDR) / Weighting: 2%

Price - Weighting: 30%

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The maximum value of the contract is inclusive of an optional no cost three month extension period. This will allow for work to be completed in the event there is a delay.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-033644](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

664928

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

27 February 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Pearson Education Limited

80 Strand

London

WC2R 0BP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.pearson.com/en-gb.html>

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £672,330.89

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Community benefits are included in this requirement. a summary of proposed opportunities are as provided below:

Video production raising the profile and the importance of literacy.

Webinars with local authorities, to contribute to development of government policy on curriculum and assessment.

Certificate of achievement for participating in PIRLS.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Edinburgh Sheriff Court and Justice of the Peace Court

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Edinburgh

EH11LB

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Internet address

[www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court](http://www.scotcourts.gov.uk/the-courts/court-locations/edinburgh-sheriff-court-and-justice-of-the-peace-court)