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Award

Framework Agreement for English Proficiency Test in Middle East and Africa

British Council

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Scope

Description

The British Council in the Middle East and Africa is looking to work with experienced service providers to deliver online English placement and proficiency tests. These tests will play an important role in helping us understand and support the English language skills of participants across our programmes in the region. We are looking for tests aligned with UK standards and the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), ensuring they are consistent, reliable, and meaningful for all learners. Providers appointed under the framework agreements will have the opportunity to participate in mini competitions whenever tests are required.

Contract 1

Suppliers (3)

- BC ENGLISHSCORE LIMITED
- KAPLAN U.K. LIMITED
- OIDI LTD

Contract value

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £500,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

26 February 2026

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

26 February 2026

Standstill period

- End: 9 March 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

20 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 22 March 2026 to 23 March 2028
- Possible extension to 21 February 2030
- 3 years, 11 months

Description of possible extension:

the available option for an extension for up to an additional two periods of 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

If any future test requirements arise that are not covered within this tender they may be sourced through a mini competition among the contracted suppliers

CPV classifications

- 80420000 - E-learning services

Information about tenders

- 3 tenders received

- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 3 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

BC ENGLISHSCORE LIMITED

- Companies House: 11668751

1 Redman Place

London

E20 1JQ

United Kingdom

Email: accounts.receivable@englishscore.com

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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KAPLAN U.K. LIMITED

- Companies House: 04678712

Palace House, 3 Cathedral Street

London

SE1 9DE

United Kingdom

Email: studentservices@kaplan.co.uk

Region: UKI44 - Lewisham and Southwark

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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OIDI LTD

- Companies House: 09392947

New Kings Court Tollgate

Eastleigh

SO53 3LG

United Kingdom

Email: gpalmer@oxfordinternational.com

Region: UKJ35 - South Hampshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

British Council

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHTN-1551-GCQH

1 Redman Place

London

E20 1JQ

United Kingdom

Contact name: Abdullah Jasim

Email: MENAprcurement@britishcouncil.org

Website: <http://www.britishcouncil.org>

Region: UKI41 - Hackney and Newham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government