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Tender

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.

Total value (estimated)

- £214,000 excluding VAT
- £214,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 28 March 2030
- 3 years, 11 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

The Contract awarded will be for a duration of 24 months with an option for an extension for up to an additional two periods of 12 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80420000 - E-learning services

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 November 2025, 11:00pm

Tender submission deadline

15 January 2026, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

If you are interested to participate for the tendering opportunity on our MyProcurement system you can visit our portal and register through the following link to register in the portal <https://tap.tcsapps.com/tap2/#/bc-supplier-registration> and then login into the portal using the following link <https://tap.tcsapps.com/tap2/#/login-supplier> to apply on the opportunity if you are already registered then login through the following link and follow the below steps <https://tap.tcsapps.com/tap2/#/login-supplier>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Social Value	Social value question	Quality
Track Record	Track Record Question	Quality
Academic Underpinning	Academic Underpinning Question	Quality
Commercial	Price List on the Pricing Approach	Price

Weighting description

Social Value 10% Track Record 20% Academic Underpinning 30% Commercial 40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Steps to Apply.docx](#)

The amount mentioned under the contract value is the threshold amount and is projected to be over GBP214k The Proposed Contract is a framework and the use will be based on demand and through a mini competition as outlined in the tender documents

Technical specifications to be met

<https://tap.tcsapps.com/tap2/#/login-supplier>

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Contracting authority

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