PUNJAB BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION (PBTE)
GOVERNEMENT OF THE PUNJAB

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INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

Engagement of Internationally Recognized Assessment / Awarding Bodies for Assessment and International Accreditation of PBTE Students in TEVT Sectors

EOI No. PBTE/2026/

1. The Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE), a statutory body of the Government of the Punjab responsible for examination, assessment and certification of Technical Education and Vocational Training (TEVT) programmes, invites Expressions of Interest from reputed international firms, organizations, awarding bodies and assessment agencies having well-established, internationally recognized systems of competency-based assessment and certification in TEVT sectors.

2. The purpose is to engage one or more qualified bodies to independently assess PBTE students in selected trades / technologies, so that successful candidates may receive internationally recognized accreditation of their skills, in addition to their PBTE qualification.

3. Eligible applicants should, inter alia: (a) be legally registered in their country of origin; (b) have at least five (5) years of experience in TEVT assessment and certification; (c) be recognized or regulated by a national qualifications authority, government body or equivalent internationally acknowledged body; (d) have assessment systems operational in at least three (3) TEVT sectors and in at least two (2) countries other than their country of origin; and (e) not be blacklisted by any government, semi-government or international organization. Consortia / Joint Ventures, including with Pakistani partners, are allowed.

4. The EOI document, containing the detailed scope of work, eligibility requirements, and evaluation criteria, is available on the official website of the Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE) at www.pbte.edu.pk.

5. Complete "EOIs for International Accreditation of PBTE", must be received through email i.e. chairmanpbte@gmail.com by 24-12-2026 at Time (01:30 PM PST). EOIs will be opened the same day at 02:00 PM in the presence of Standing Procurement Committee. International applicants should submit the EOI through given e-mail well before the deadline.

6. This invitation does not constitute an offer or commitment. Shortlisting will be made strictly on the published criteria, and only shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposals. PBTE may reject all EOIs in accordance with those Rules.

7. The URL of the website of the PPRA is https://ep.punjab.gov.pk/ViewTender.aspx and response time shall be calculated exclusively from the date of publication of the advertisement on the website of the PPRA.

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Government of the Punjab, Lahore

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) DOCUMENT

Engagement of Internationally Recognized Accreditation / Awarding Bodies for "International Accreditation of PBTE"

EOI No. PBTE/2026/

Date of Issue: [__ / __ / 2026]

Last Date of Submission: [24 /12 / 2026] at [01:30 PM] HRS (PST)

EOI DATA SHEET

Item	Particulars
Procuring Agency	**Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE), Lahore**
Assignment	**International Accreditation / Certification / Endorsement of PBTE students.**
EOI Reference No.	**PBTE/[____]/2026**
Procurement Method	**Selection of firms through EOI shortlisting followed by Request for Proposals (RFP)**
Cost of EOI Document	**Free of cost**
Pre-EOI Meeting / Clarifications	**Written queries by [01-12-26]; online/physical pre-EOI meeting on [01-12-26] at [12:30 PST] (optional)**
Last Date & Time of Submission	**[24-12-26] at [01:30 PM] (PST)**
Date & Time of Opening	**[24-12-26] at [02:00 PM] (PST), PBTE Committee Room**
Language of EOI	**English (documents in other languages must be accompanied by an attested English translation)**
Mode of Submission	**Scanned PDF by email to chairmanpbte@gmail.com]**
Number of Copies	**Soft copy through given email**
Minimum Qualifying Score	**70 out of 100 marks**
Contact Officer	**Secretary, PBTE, [21-A Kashmir Block Allama Iqbal Town Lahore. Tel: [+92 42 99260266] Email: [secretarypbte@gmail.com]**

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 The Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE) is a statutory body of the Government of the Punjab entrusted with the conduct of examinations, assessment and award of certificates and diplomas in Technical Education and Vocational Training (TEVT), including the Diploma of Associate Engineer (DAE) and a range of diploma, certificate and short-course programmes delivered through public and private institutes affiliated with PBTE across the Province.

1.2 In line with national and provincial TEVT policy objectives of improving the quality, relevance and international portability of skills, PBTE intends to provide its students with an opportunity to have their skills assessed against international standards and to obtain internationally recognized accreditation / certification, thereby improving their employability in domestic and overseas labour markets.

1.3 For this purpose PBTE invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from reputed international firms, organizations, awarding bodies and assessment agencies ("Applicants") having well-established and internationally recognized assessment and certification systems in TEVT sectors.

1.4 This EOI is the first stage of a two-stage, open and competitive process. Applicants meeting the eligibility criteria and securing the minimum qualifying score will be shortlisted and invited to submit detailed technical and financial proposals through a Request for Proposals (RFP).

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

- To introduce independent, internationally benchmarked assessment of PBTE students in selected TEVT trades and technologies.
- To enable successful students to obtain internationally recognized certification / accreditation in addition to their PBTE qualification.
- To enhance the credibility, transparency and quality assurance of PBTE assessment systems through exposure to international best practices.
- To build the capacity of PBTE officers, assessors and affiliated institutes in competency-based assessment methodologies.
- To improve the national and international employability and mobility of PBTE graduates.

3. INDICATIVE SCOPE OF SERVICES

The detailed Terms of Reference will be issued with the RFP. Indicatively, the selected Applicant(s) will be required to:

3.1.1 Map selected PBTE curricula / programmes against the Applicant's international qualifications or occupational standards and identify any gaps.

3.1.2 Design or adapt assessment instruments (theory, practical and/or portfolio-based) for the identified trades and technologies.

3.1.3 Assess PBTE students independently, either directly or through jointly accredited assessment centers in Pakistan, under the Applicant's quality-assurance framework.

3.1.4 Train and certify PBTE-nominated assessors, internal verifiers and center staff, as required.

3.1.5 Approve / accredit suitable PBTE-affiliated institutes as assessment centers, where applicable.

3.1.6 Issue internationally recognized certificates / credentials to successful candidates, with an online verification facility.

3.1.7 Provide external quality assurance, moderation and periodic audit of the assessment process.

3.1.8 Submit periodic progress, results-analysis and improvement reports to PBTE.

3.2 Indicative TEVT sectors include, but are not limited to: Civil, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical and allied engineering technologies; Information & Communication Technology; Automotive; Construction and Building Services (HVACR, Plumbing, Welding, etc.); Hospitality and Tourism; Textile and Garments; Health and Allied Services; and Business / Commerce trades. PBTE reserves the right to finalize trades, phasing and volumes at the RFP stage.

3.3 Applicants may express interest for all sectors or for one or more sectors (lots). PBTE may engage more than one Applicant for different sectors in order to obtain the best coverage and value.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (MANDATORY)

Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria. Failure to meet any criterion shall render the EOI non-responsive and it shall not be evaluated further. Each criterion must be supported by documentary evidence.

#	Criterion	Evidence Required
E-1	Legally registered / incorporated entity in its country of origin and in operation for at least ten (10) years.	Certificate of registration / incorporation / charter
E-2	Minimum five (5) years of experience in assessment and certification in TEVT / vocational / technical sectors.	Company profile with dated evidence
E-3	Recognized, regulated, licensed or approved as an awarding / assessment body by a national qualifications authority, government body or equivalent internationally acknowledged body.	Copy of recognition / accreditation / approval letter or certificate
E-4	Assessment / certification systems operational in at least one (1) sector.	List of qualifications / sectors with evidence
E-5	Assessment operations in at least two (2) countries other than the country of origin.	Contracts / partner centre lists / client letters
E-6	Not blacklisted or debarred by any government, semi-government, autonomous or international organization.	Declaration (Form D) on letter head concerned organization.
E-7	Authorized signatory duly empowered to submit the EOI.	Power of Attorney / Board resolution
E-8	In case of Consortium / JV: lead member must independently meet criteria E-1 to E-5; all members must meet E-6.	JV / consortium agreement or letter of intent

Note on Equivalence: No criterion in this document refers to, or is intended to favour, any particular organization, brand, country or qualification framework. Any recognition, accreditation, certification or experience that is equivalent in substance to that stated shall be accepted. Pakistani firms acting in partnership with qualifying international bodies are encouraged to apply as consortium members.

5. EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR SHORTLISTING

EOIs meeting all mandatory eligibility criteria shall be evaluated by a duly constituted Evaluation Committee of PBTE strictly in accordance with the following criteria. The minimum qualifying score for shortlisting is 70 marks out of 100.

#	Criterion	Max Marks	Basis of Marking
1	Experience of the organization in TEVT assessment & certification	15	5 years = 8; each additional full year = 1 mark, up to 15
2	International recognition / accreditation of the Applicant and its qualifications (e.g. national qualification framework alignment, recognition by regulators or international bodies)	15	5 marks per sector recognition / accreditation, up to 15
3	Number of sectors covered by the Applicant's assessment / certification system	15	3 sectors = 6; each additional sector = 1.5, up to 15
4	Geographical presence: number of countries where assessment services are currently delivered	10	2 countries = 4; each additional country = 1, up to 10
5	Similar assignments with government bodies, examination boards or national TEVT authorities in the last 10 years	15	3 marks per assignment, up to 15

#	Criterion	Max Marks	Basis of Marking
6	Volume of candidates assessed / certified in the last three years	5	Proportionate, based on verifiable data
7	Proposed methodology: competency-based assessment approach, quality assurance, moderation and anti-malpractice / integrity system	10	Evaluated on a concise approach note (max. 5 pages)
8	Digital capability: online / computer-based assessment, e-certification and online verification of certificates	5	Evidence of operational systems
9	Capacity building: assessor / verifier training and centre-approval framework	5	Evidence of established programmes
10	Presence or proposed arrangement in Pakistan (office, local partner, approved centres)	5	Existing = 5; proposed with LoI = 3; none = 0
	TOTAL	100	Qualifying score: 70

5.1 Claims not supported by verifiable documentary evidence shall not be awarded marks. PBTE may seek clarification of submitted documents but no substantive change in the EOI shall be allowed after the submission deadline.

6. CONTENTS OF THE EOI SUBMISSION

The EOI shall be bound, page-numbered, indexed and flagged in the following order:

1. Covering letter on the Applicant's letterhead (Form A).
2. Applicant information and organizational profile (Form B), with certificate of registration / incorporation.
3. Evidence of recognition / accreditation as an awarding / assessment body.
4. List of TEVT sectors and qualifications offered, with evidence.
5. Details of similar assignments with completion / client certificates (Form C).
6. List of countries of operation and data on candidates assessed in the last three years.
7. Approach note on assessment methodology, quality assurance and digital systems (maximum 5 pages).
8. Details of presence / partner arrangements in Pakistan, if any.
9. Affidavit / declaration of non-blacklisting and conflict of interest (Form D).
10. Power of Attorney / authorization of signatory; JV / consortium agreement or letter of intent, if applicable.
11. Duly filled checklist of documents (Form E).

7. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The sealed envelope shall be clearly marked "EOI for International Assessment & Accreditation of PBTE Students – EOI No. PBTE/[____]/2026 – Do Not Open Before [Date & Time]" and addressed to: The Secretary, Punjab Board of Technical Education, [Address], Lahore, Pakistan.

7.2 EOIs must be received by [Date] at [Time] (PST). EOIs received after the deadline shall not be considered and shall be returned unopened. For international applicants, a signed, scanned PDF of the complete EOI received by email at [email] before the deadline shall be accepted, provided the original reaches PBTE within [7] working days thereafter.

7.3 EOIs shall be opened publicly on [Date] at [Time] in the presence of Applicants or their authorized representatives who choose to attend, physically or online through a link to be shared on request.

7.4 Requests for clarification shall be sent in writing to [email] by [Date]. Replies, together with the queries (without identifying the source), shall be shared with all prospective Applicants and posted on the PBTE website.

8. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- This EOI process shall be governed by the Punjab Board of Technical Education.
- This invitation does not constitute an offer, contract or commitment of any kind on the part of PBTE. Shortlisting does not guarantee award of contract.
- All costs associated with the preparation and submission of the EOI shall be borne by the Applicant; PBTE shall not be liable for any such costs regardless of the outcome.
- PBTE may reject all EOIs at any time prior to acceptance of a proposal and shall communicate the grounds of such rejection to any Applicant upon request.
- PBTE reserves the right to verify any information provided. Any misrepresentation or false information shall lead to disqualification and may result in action under the applicable rules, including blacklisting.
- Applicants shall disclose any actual or potential conflict of interest. Canvassing or any attempt to influence the evaluation shall result in disqualification.
- All information and data relating to PBTE students and examinations shall be treated as confidential and shall not be used for any purpose other than the assignment.
- Any Applicant aggrieved by any decision in this process may lodge a complaint with the Grievance Redressal Committee of PBTE within the time prescribed.
- The selected Applicant(s), if not having a legal presence in Pakistan, shall be required to comply with applicable registration, taxation and regulatory requirements of Pakistan before execution of contract.
- In case of any dispute regarding interpretation of this document, the decision of PBTE, consistent with the applicable procurement rules, shall be final.

FORM A – COVERING LETTER

(On the Applicant's letterhead)

Date: _____

To: The Secretary, Punjab Board of Technical Education, [Address], Lahore, Pakistan

Subject: Expression of Interest for Assessment and International Accreditation of PBTE Students in TEVT Sectors – EOI No. PBTE/[____]/2026

Dear Sir / Madam,

We, the undersigned, hereby submit our Expression of Interest for the above assignment in respect of [all sectors / the following sectors: _____]. We confirm that we have read and understood the EOI document and accept its terms and conditions. We declare that all information provided in this EOI is true and correct, and we understand that any misrepresentation may lead to our disqualification.

We confirm that we are not blacklisted or debarred by any government, semi-government, autonomous or international organization, and that we have no conflict of interest in relation to this assignment.

Yours sincerely,

Name of Authorized Signatory: _____

Designation: _____

Signature & Seal: _____

FORM B – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Particulars	Details
Legal name of organization	
Country of registration & year of establishment	
Registration / incorporation number	
Legal status (company, statutory body, charity, etc.)	
Head office address	
Address in Pakistan (if any)	
Website	
Name of recognizing / regulating body(ies)	
TEVT sectors covered	
Countries of operation	
Candidates assessed in last 3 years (year-wise)	
Applying as (Single / Lead of JV / Consortium)	
Name, designation, email & phone of contact person	

FORM C – SIMILAR ASSIGNMENTS

(Assignments completed or in progress during the last 10 years with government bodies, examination boards or national TEVT authorities)

#	Name of Assignment	Client	Country	Sectors	Period	Candidates
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						

Attach client certificate / contract extract for each assignment listed.

FORM D – DECLARATION

(Notarized declaration for All Applicants)

I, _____, [designation] of [name of organization], do hereby solemnly declare that:

1. The organization has not been blacklisted or debarred by any government, semi-government, autonomous or international organization, and no such proceedings are pending against it.
2. The organization and its key personnel have no conflict of interest in relation to this assignment or with PBTE.
3. All information and documents submitted with the EOI are true, correct and genuine.
4. The organization has not offered, and shall not offer, any inducement to any official of PBTE in connection with this process.

Deponent Name & Signature: _____

Date & Place: _____

FORM E – CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS

#	Document	Attached (Y/N)	Page No.
1	Covering letter (Form A)		
2	Applicant information (Form B) & registration certificate		
3	Evidence of recognition / accreditation		
4	Sectors and qualifications offered		
5	Similar assignments (Form C) with client certificates		
6	Countries of operation & candidate data		
7	Approach note (max. 5 pages)		
8	Presence / partners in Pakistan		
9	Affidavit / declaration (Form D)		
10	Power of Attorney / authorization		
11	JV / consortium agreement (if applicable)		