

LEGAL NOTICE-SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE: The College of Western Idaho, Nampa, Idaho under Idaho Statute 67-2808 hereby publishes notice of intent to award a sole source purchase to the following vendor: PEARSON VUE. It has been determined by the CWI Administration that there is only one vendor reasonably available to provide the required purchase in a method, "where the compatibility of equipment, components, accessories, computer software, replacement parts or service is the paramount consideration". The purchase to be made is for testing products for the College Testing Centers that is compatible with the licenses and certifications already in place at the college. Further details of purchase are available at: [www.cwidaho.cc/info/business-and-financial-services](http://www.cwidaho.cc/info/business-and-financial-services) under "Purchasing Notices".

Any vendor may challenge this sole source procurement. Written notice of challenge must be filed within fourteen days of this publication with CWI Business Office at:

Senior Analyst RFP/Contracts  
College of Western Idaho  
MS 1000  
PO Box 3010  
Nampa, ID 83653



## Business Office - Memorandum

TO: Cheryl Wright, VP Finance and Administration

FROM: Janet Gonzalez, Sr. Analyst RFP/Contracts

Re: Sole Source Justification for Procurement-Pearson Vue

Department: PTE and Testing Labs

Date: March 5, 2015

The Procurement Division of the Business Office is requesting that the vendor Pearson Vue be declared a sole source vendor for the purposes of purchasing testing products for the CWI Testing Centers. Pearson Vue is one of the largest (if not the largest) provider of academic testing materials. CWI's two testing labs are certified Pearson Vue sites for test taking which means many of the tests delivered by CWI are controlled by Pearson Vue licenses. Testing for the following exam certifications is delivered by Pearson Vue: Cisco, CompTia, EC-Council, Microsoft, (complete list attached). The GED Testing is also controlled by a partnership between Pearson Vue and the American Council on Education.

Under Idaho Code 67-2808 (2) (a) the governing board of a political subdivision may declare that there is only one vendor for procurement purposes if there is only one vendor for services or personal property to be acquired. For purposes of this subsection, only one vendor shall refer to situations where there is only one source reasonably available and shall include, but not be limited to, the following situations:

(ii) Where the compatibility of equipment, components, accessories, computer software, replacement parts or service is the paramount consideration;

(viii) Where competitive solicitation is impractical, disadvantageous or unreasonable under the circumstances.

In order for CWI to provide the testing certifications for Academic and Professional Technical skills we are constrained to purchase from Pearson Vue which controls many of the licenses or is partnered with the testing entities. Therefore by this memorandum it is requested that Pearson Vue testing products and services associated with testing be sole sourced and notice of the sole source be published as required under Idaho Code 67-2808.

*I approve this  
as sole source.  
Please publish the  
notice. - Thomas  
CWI*

# Pearson VUE® Authorized Test Center

## list of available exams

Current as of: 5 February 2015

Test owners determine where their exams will be delivered. In general, authorized test centers in the United States deliver exams that are part of an overall bundle. Some exams may not be available in all areas and the exams cannot be granted individually.

For exam delivery options outside the U.S., contact Channel Sales in your region.

### Information technology (IT)

- Adobe
- Alfresco
- Android ATC
- AppSense
- Aruba
- Avaloq
- Avaya, Inc.
- BCS/ISEB
- BICSI
- Brocade
- Business Objects
- C++ Institute
- Certified Healthcare Technology Specialist (CHTS)
- Check Point Software Technologies
- Cisco Systems
- Citrix
- CIW
- Cloudera
- CompTIA
- Condition Zebra
- CTP – Convergence Technology Professional
- CWNP
- Dassault Systemes
- Digia Qt
- EC-Council
- Embedded Technology Engineer Certification (ETEC)
- EMC
- Esri
- EXIN
- F5 Professional certification Program
- Fortinet
- Fujitsu IT License
- Fujitsu SSSF
- Global Association for Quality Management (GAQM)
- Global Association of Risk Professionals
- Global Information Assurance Certification (GIAC)
- Hitachi IT Platform Engineer Certification
- HP Consumer Support Americas
- HP ExpertOne
- IBM
- InfoComm International
- Infosys Limited
- Institute of Certified Records Managers (ICRM)
- IOS

- ISC2
- iSQL
- Juniper Networks
- Linux Professional Institute (LPI)
- Microsoft
- National Instruments (NI)
- NetApp
- Nokia Networks
- Novell
- Object Management Group (OMG)
- OpenERP Certification Program
- Oracle
- OSS-DB
- Pegasystems
- PEOPLECERT
- Puppet labs
- Qlikview
- Riverbed
- RSA Security
- Ruckus Wireless
- Ruijie Networks
- SAP
- SAS
- SensioLabs
- Software Certifications (Administered by QAI)
- SpringSource
- SUSE
- Symantec
- TYPO3
- UMLTP
- Unify
- VCE – The Virtual Computing Environment Company
- Veeam
- VMWare
- Zend Technologies
- ZTE

## Professional licensure and certification tests

- The American College\*
- American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM)
- Association of Financial Professionals (AFP)
- Association of Professionals in Business Management (APBM)
- Excelsior College
- Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW)\*
- International Federation of Technical Analysts (IFTA)
- National Registry of Food Safety Professionals (NRFSP)


\* Available in limited areas.

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## Company history

Pearson VUE is built on a foundation of experience in electronic testing.

- 1994**
  - Clarke Porter, Steve Nordberg and Kirk Lundeen, pioneers in the electronic testing industry, set out to create a world-class training services company that would help the IT industry better serve its learners. Virtual University Enterprises (VUE) launches to connect people with authorized certification training.
- 1995**
  - European call center established under the name VUE Europe BV, in Woerden, Netherlands.
  - Sydney, Australia office opens to provide local support and expertise.
- 1996**
  - VUE launches its first presence on the World Wide Web.
- 1997**
  - NCS acquires VUE to spearhead its entry into electronic testing. NCS-VUE pioneers advanced test administration technology and begins delivering computer-based tests for IT customers through a global, authorized test center network.
- 2000**
  - Pearson plc. acquires NCS-VUE. The new company, NCS Pearson, joins a prestigious family of businesses that include Penguin Publishing, Pearson Education and the Financial Times.
  - NCS Pearson opens an office in Tokyo, Japan.
- 2001**
  - NCS Pearson acquires Goal Designs, a Massachusetts-based software and consulting firm with expertise in professional certification management and the developers of CERTS, a leading item banking tool.

- 2002**
  - State-of-the-industry, owned and operated Pearson Professional Centers open; establishing the gold standard in computer-based-testing and marking the company's entrance into delivering exams for health care, financial and other customers in the professional market.
- 2003**
  - Company's official name becomes Pearson VUE.
  - Pearson VUE receives patent for unique security design of Pearson Professional Centers.
  - The New Delhi, India office opens expanding our presence and local support into India.
- 2004**
  - UK-based call center begins operations.
- 2005**
  - European office moves to London.
- 2006**
  - Pearson VUE acquires Promissor, a leading provider of knowledge measurement services with a focus on professional assessments in the real estate, insurance, mortgage lending, contracting, employment and health care industries. The acquisition launches Pearson VUE into the regulatory market.
  - Agreement signed with DANTES to locate Pearson VUE® Authorized Test Centers on American military installations.
  - Launch of Pearson VUE Authorized® Test Center-Selects, providing clients increased security and additional global reach.
- 2008**
  - Enhanced Security Protocols, including digital photo and signature capture launched in all Pearson VUE® Authorized Test Centers.
  - Palm vein recognition technology implemented in Pearson Professional Centers as part of Pearson VUE's Secure Testing Framework™.
- 2009**
  - Introduction of the multi-modal Integrated Platform; a solution that integrates multiple test delivery platforms with one registration system and one set of results for each candidate.
- 2010**
  - Pearson VUE acquires Integral7, a leading credential management software provider, adding best-in-class client and candidate tools to the company's portfolio.

- Launch of mindhub™, the certification preparation marketplace that provides study guides, practice tests and other learning materials to candidates globally.
- India-based call center begins operations.
- Pearson VUE named one of Minnesota's Best Places to Work.

**2011**

- Pearson VUE partners with the American Council on Education to create a new public-private partnership for GED Testing Service that drives the future direction, design and delivery of the GED® Test. Nearly 800,000 GED® tests are taken that year.

**2012**

- Launch of E^Pro, the English for Professionals Exam, accurately and efficiently assesses a candidate's ability to apply comprehensive English communication skills in a professional setting.
- Pearson VUE acquires Certiport, the leading provider of foundational-level exams and practice test solutions. Thousands of Certiport test centers deliver exams for Microsoft, HP, Adobe and other IT leaders.

**2013**

- Pearson VUE acquires Exam Design and adds a best-in-class authoring tool to the company's existing item development expertise. ExamDeveloper™ allows complete collaboration with other content writers and then manages content throughout the exam development cycle.

**2014**

- Launch of Provusion, the training and learning marketplace developed exclusively for Pearson VUE Authorized® Test Centers.
- Launch of remote proctored delivery.
- Pearson VUE launches Acclaim, a new enterprise badging solution that offers a new way to issue, verify and share digital credentials.


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## Additional Pearson VUE offerings

From high school to high-stakes, the businesses of Pearson VUE serve test owners and test centers, corporations and candidates during every stage of the credentialing journey.

- › **Certiport**, the world-leader in IT performance-based foundational level exams
- › **Acclaim**, the platform to help earners and issuers share digitally verified credentials
- › **E^Pro**, a more accurate assessment of English competency in the workplace
- › **GED Testing Service**, providing millions of adults with a second chance at a better life
- › **Provision**, presenting test centers and certification programs with new ways to grow their business

We're interested in hearing from you. [Contact us](#) to learn more.



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