NEW: SSON Research & Analytics' World's Best Global Business Services 2026 - Application Form

SSON Research & Analytics is pleased to announce the 2026 World's Best GBS Award is open for application. All GBS applicants who fill out the survey questionnaire will be considered for the award, and can sign up for a tailored benchmark analysis to see how they compare with their GBS peers as well as topranked GBS.

The survey focuses on four key areas:

- 1. GBS Model Evolution & Complexity
- 2. Automation & Enabling Factors
- 3. Talent Management
- 4. Service Delivery & Impact

Please complete all questions and submit your answers online via this surveymonkey form. (If you would like a PDF copy to go through the questions beforehand, you can download that separately here).

Note: In some instances, we offer the option of attaching a slide to your application as an alternative to writing out the answer to a specific question. If you choose that option, please email these to barbara.hodge@ssonetwork.com along with your GBS name and a confirmation of application submitted, clearly marking each slide with the question it answers. (Note that answers must be clearly visible in the slides. Judges will not consider these if it is difficult to discern the information.)

This application closes on November 30 2025 - no extensions.

Please note: this submission must be made in the name of a GBS leader. For those GBS that make the World's Best GBS Award shortlist, we will be following up with a 30 minute call with the GBS leader, so it is important that they have signed off on the application, and have verified and can defend the content.

By participating in the GBS study, you are consenting to have your organization's data shared in <u>aggregated anonymized format</u>. In the event your organization becomes a finalist or winner of the World's Best GBS Award, you consent to your company's name being used in promotion of the awards.

You can save your responses by scrolling down and clicking "Next" at the end of the questions. To return to edit/complete your responses, please use the same survey link (Only applicable if you use the same device and web browser. Do not clear your cookies).

ABOUT YOUR GBS

1. Company Name
2. Name of GBS
3. This application is submitted in the name of your GBS leader. Please ensure the GBS leader has reviewed the answers before submission and that all answers are correct and final.
Name of Leader:
Leader's email Address:
4. Which industry/sector best describes your organization?
5. What best approximates the size of your organization in terms of revenue? SME (<\$2BN Per Annum (USD))
\$2BN-\$10BN Per Annum (USD)
>\$10BN Per Annum (USD)
Government
Not For Profit
6. When was your GBS set up?
<3 years
3-5 years
6-10 years
>10 years
1. GBS MODEL EVOLUTION & COMPLEXITY
7. What best defines your sourcing model ?
Mainly inhouse (captive model)
Hybrid but mainly captive (selective outsourcing)
Hybrid but mainly outcourced

Mainly outsourced (third party provider/BPO)

8. Do you have a single GBS leader?
Yes
○ No
9. Are your GBS services mandated?
Yes
○ No
Some are and some are not
10. Is yours a landlord model (functions own the output) or a fully integrated model (GBS owns the output) or both?
Landlord
Fully integrated
Combination of both
11. If you deliver services to multiple countries, how many countries do you service?
<u> </u>
5-9
<u> </u>
30-49
50-79
80-120
<u>>120</u>

12. Please list all the countries/regions that you deliver services to and indicate the percentage of your work that region takes up. (please choose best option, total may not add to 100%) No we do not serve this location Yes: <10% Yes: 10-25% Yes: 25-50% Yes: 50-75% Yes: >75% Yes: 100% North America Latin America/South America Western Europe (including the UK) Central and Eastern Europe Asia (excluding Middle East, India and China) South Africa Rest of Africa (excluding South Africa) Middle East India China Russia Australia, New Zealand, and Pacific Islands Please elaborate on the volume/distribution of your services delivered in terms of FTEs, functions, and countries served (to better understand your service delivery model). 13. Which of these services/processes/topics do you have in your GBS scope? **AND** if in scope, to what extent are they **automated**? (Please select low, medium, high or expert) Yes in Scope with Yes in Scope with Yes in Scope with None/Low Level Medium Level of High Level of Expert Level of of Automation Automation Automation Automation (Scale=0-25%) (Scale=26-50%) (Scale=51-75%) (Scale >75%) Not in scope Hire-to-Retire / Reward-to-Retire Benefits AdministrationTime-to-Pay / Payroll Talent Management

(Strategic Workforce Planning, Recruiting

and Staffing, Workforce Development, L&D, Onboarding)	\cup	\cup	\cup	\cup	\bigcup
Purchase-to-Pay / Procure to Pay	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Order-to-Cash / Customer to Cash	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Record-to Report / Account to Report	\circ	\circ	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Tax Support / Admin					\bigcirc
Plan-to-Result (Strategic Planning, Annual Opex/Capex Budgeting, Forecasting, BPM Reporting, Business Analysis, FP&A)	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ
Indirect Procurement	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Direct Procurement					
Supply Chain (Planning: SCM, DM, IM, S&OP, Plan Supply, Plan Distribution)	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Supply Chain (Manufacturing: M. Strategy, Prod. And Resource Scheduling, Prod. Management, Maintenance Management, QM)		0			0
Supply Chain (Delivery, Logistics: Logistics strategy, Inbound/Outbound, Warehousing, Reverse logistics, Trade Compliance)	\bigcirc	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Risk Management Services (e.g., business continuity planning and crisis management)	\circ	0	\circ	\circ	\bigcirc
Consulting & Advisory Services (e.g., strategy consulting, change management, organizational design)		\bigcirc			\bigcirc
Knowledge Services (e.g., published					

scientific, technical, and business information to drive innovation and business decisions)			0	0	0
IT Opportunity-to- Proposal	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Information Technology (other IT processes)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\circ
Technology related (e.g. RPA, Digitization teams, Intelligent Automation)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Master Data Management		\circ		\circ	\bigcirc
Data Analytics / Business Analytics	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Research & Development	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc
Customer Center (call center) processes (Front- office support)	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc
Real Estate & Facilities Management	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Legal	\bigcirc				
Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Health & Safety					
Sales					
Marketing	\bigcirc	\bigcirc		\bigcirc	
Corporate Communications				\circ	
Industry/sector specific processes					
Stock / Shares Management	\bigcirc	\circ	\bigcirc	\circ	
Engineering Services	\bigcirc				\bigcirc
Document Management					
Shop Floor Planning					
Fleet Management					
Creative / Design Services	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc

Content Management					
Events Management					\bigcirc
Labs					
14. How many cap		-		S. C'L.)	
15. Please list location If you do not have cap				& City).	
Countries	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Cities					
16. What is the tot <100 100-250 251-500 501-1000 1001-5000 >5000 17. How many out 18. Please list location If you do not have out	sourced GBS c	enters do you sourced GBS	have globally centers (Cour	?	
Countries					
Cities					
19. What is the tot	al number of	FTEs in all you	ır outsource	d GBS locations	s?
<100					
100-250					
251-500					
501-1000					
1001-5000					
>5000					

20. How many disting globally?	ict, independent business units	s/divisions (i.e., with a P&L) do you serve
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	9
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4	8	
21. How many legal	entities do you service?	
<u> </u>		
<u> </u>		
20-59		
O 60-99		
O 100-159		
<u> </u>		
>240		
22. How many langu	ages do you provide services i	in?
<u> </u>		
& Complexity) over the the major changes/initial	e last <u>12 months/past calendar</u> iatives and the results/benefits native to writing your answers	ory covered above (GBS Model Evolution year. Explain in at least 3 paragraphs at the control of
2. AUTOMATI	ON & ENABLING I	FACTORS
24. What do you por	rceive to be your overall GBS	automation lovel?
-	ation Scale=0-25%)	automation level:
Medium (=26-50%		
High (=51-75%)	7	
Expert (>75%)		

25. What does your GBS digital ecosystem	n entail? (select all that apply)
Analytics	Intelligent Document Processing (IDP)
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	Low-code Automation Platform
Blockchain	Machine Learning (ML)
Business Process Management (BPM)	Machine Vision
Cloud Platform	Metaverse - digital environment that uses
Cognitive Machine Reading	augmented reality (AR) & virtual reality (VR) to create spaces for rich user interaction mimicking
Data Mining	the real world
Data Visualization Tools	Natural Language Processing (NLP)
ERP Platform	Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
Best of Breed specialist technologies	Process Discovery
Web-based self service tools	Process Mining
Generative AI	Robotic Process Automation (RPA)
Agentic AI	Workflow Automation
Intelligent Chatbots	Data marketplace (making data available through process/tools; democratization of data)
	Data connectivity (technical aspect of enabling marketplace; setting data standards; making data accessible for business partners)
Other (please specify)	
26. What is the level of digital skills that y	you have in your organization?
Low (Employees are equipped with essential dig processing, social media for business, web-based skills)	rital skills i.e. email and instant messaging, word d research and problem solving. Big gap in advanced digital
Medium (Only some employees are trained and o	equipped with advanced digital skills.)
	with advanced digital skills for their roles. i.e. UX design, pp development, SEO, SEM, content creation, data analysis.
Expert (All employees are equipped and trained)	on advanced digital skills for their roles)
27. How does your GBS support digital trans providing several concrete, tactical examples (ecosystem). For example: to strengthen operation innovation, improve finance, etc. Please explain	i.e., with reference to the tools in your digital ions, accelerate go to market, improve

Operations or the BPO (i.e., who drives the	tomation is OWNED by either your Captive e innovation/owns the IP)? (mark % captive vs %
	100% captive vs 0% BPO. Choose best option)
0% captive vs 100% BPO	80% captive vs 20% BPO
20% captive vs 80% BPO	95% captive vs 5% BPO
40% captive vs 60% BPO	100% captive vs 0% BPO
60% captive vs 40% BPO	
reporting", "chat functionality across 3 function	ion in your GBS? List examples (e.g. "automated
30. Which Generative Artificial Intelligence transformation in your GBS? Please list exam projects completed, and describe the benefits comprehensive (3-6 paragraphs).	ples, explain which tools you use, list number of
31. Over the past 12 months/tracked ye hours per month for the top performing au	ear, what savings have you gained in average FTE atomation project?
<50 Hours	
50 Hours-<120 Hours	
120 Hours-<500 Hours	
500 Hours-<1,000 Hours	
1,000 Hours-<5,000 Hours	
>=5,000 Hours	
○ N/A	

year (USD) for the top performing automation	n project?
\$0-<\$50,000	
\$50,000-<\$250,000	
\$250,000-<\$1,000,000	
\$1,000,000-<\$5,000,000	
>= \$5,000,000	
○ N/A	
33. Over the past 12 months/tracked year (%) for the top performing automation projec	r, what has been the improvement in error rate
<u> </u>	
6%-<10%	
<u> </u>	
15%-<20%	
20%-<30%	
>=30%	
○ N/A	
34. Explain very briefly the relationship betwe	een IT and GBS in your organization.
35. Please check the bodies/roles/functions be held accountable within the GBS (select all the Chief Experience (EX) Officer	elow that either exist, or for which someone is nat apply) Automation
Customer Council(s)	RPA (Robotic Process Automation)
GBS Management Team	Performance & Report
GBS Executive Board	Vendor Management
Global Process Owner(ship) Council(s)/Board	Strategy
Global PMO Leader	Transformation
Global Change & Communication Leader	Transition
Operations/Service Delivery	Sustainability
Continuous Improvement	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
Digital Innovation	Innovation
AI / Generative AI / Agentic AI	ESG (environment, social, governance)/CSR (corporate social responsibility)

32. Over the past 12 months/tracked year, what have been the average cost savings per

programs/permanent structures that are in place in your GBS						
	Team/Role (Specific responsibilities i.e. Chief of Diversity)	Ongoing structures/programs	Dedicated budgets	Technology/Tool supporting the initiative	Agreements with external parties supporting the initiative	N/A
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion						
Environmental How a company safeguards the environment, including corporate policies addressing climate change for e.g.						
Social How a company managed relationships with employees, suppliers, customers, and the communities where it operates						
Governance How a company is led and managed. Deals with a company's leadership, executive pay, audits, internal controls, and shareholder rights						
Other (please specify)					
the category cove changes/initiative	ered above (A es and the res	s/past calendar y automation & Enab sults/benefits. (You ur answers out but	ling Facto may attac	rs)? Explain in ch slides for ad	detail the maditional insig	ajor _I hts or

36. For the various **sustainability/ESG initiatives or topics** listed below, please select

3. TALENT MANAGEMENT

attraction, b) retention within GBS as well as in	n, c) development of talent a tegration with enterprise function cribe with at least a paragraph	ase explain with reference to a) and d) career progression both ions. How is this supported and on each aspect and prove it with at
work hours/workplaces, legal support, relocation		
40. Which of the below s	statements best defines your GI	3S?
	Yes	No
GBS is seen as a hub for talent and capability for the enterprise, to get specialized talent/capabilities into the business		
GBS is seen as a destination for enterprise talent	0	
•	your answers above - e.g., share versa, plus give examples.	e the % FTEs that move from GBS into
	GBS staff sit locally/are co-loca maybe dotted line to business h	ted with the Business Units (but still nead)? Please comment on this

female?
<10%
10%-<40%
<u>40%-<60%</u>
O 60%-<70%
→=70%
44. What strategies are you applying to improve/maintain your female leadership representation? Please describe in detail the initiatives, who runs/sponsors this initiative, impacts to date – and how the results are actioned.
impacts to date - and now the results are actioned.
45. What proportion of your overall service delivery/operational output (i.e., your overall workload) does your captive GBS supply (vs outsourcing)?
<u>20%<40%</u>
<u>40%<80%</u>
46. What proportion, roughly, of your overall captive GBS staff sit in low-cost locations (vs higher-cost/onshore)?
47. What are the overall capabilities/skill levels (depth & breadth) of your GBS employees?
Low (do not have the majority of the required skills)
Medium (pockets of required skills/capabilities available)
High (most/all required skills/capabilities are available)
Expert (employees independent, self-equipped, do not need much guidance or management)
48. Based on your answer above, what actions are you taking to retain/improve your employees' skills and capabilities?

43. What percentage of your global GBS senior management team (Director/VP/SVP) is

-	ter" elements of your GBS leadership team, for example, retention, development, succession planning, etc.?
50. What % of GBS employe	es have a formal training and development plan?
<30%	92%-<94%
30%-<50%	94%-<96%
O 50%-<70%	96%-<98%
70%-<90%	>=98%
90%-<92%	○ N/A
51. Do you have budget alloca activities?	ated for training and other Learning & Development
Yes	
○ No	
\$0.51 - \$1 Million \$1.01 - \$1.5 Million \$1.51 - \$2 Million >\$2 Million N/A	
53. Do you have an FTE hours Development activities per of Yes	s target allocated for training and other Learning & employee?
○ No	
	ary trainings through our internal learning platforms
	gs through our internal learning platforms, some of which are mandatory
54. If yes, please provide train employee in FTE hours/year	ning and Learning & Development activities target per
① 1-20	61-80
<u> </u>	80+
<u> </u>	○ N/A

55. What is your GBS' annual attr	rition rate (GBS, Voluntary only)?
<3%	17%-<20%
3%-<5%	20%-<23%
5%-<8%	23%-<26%
8%-<11%	>=26%
11%-<14%	○ N/A
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category covered above (Talent Mar and the results/benefits (3-6 paragra	ndar year, what was your biggest achievement in the hagement)? Explain in detail the major changes/initiatives aphs). (You may attach slides for additional insights or as ers out but the answer should be clearly defined and easily
57. What best reflects your service. Delivering services to a single cour	·
Delivering services to a single cour	
Delivering services to multiple cou	ntries (single function)
Delivering services to multiple cou	ntries (multiple functions)
(This should reflect your overall '	our overall GBS maturity level ? maturity,' taking into account sourcing model, scope, & talent; if followed up, you should be able to explain in
Low	
Low Medium	
Medium	

59. What do you perceive to be your PRO	OCESS maturity level? Brity,' taking into account scope, efficiency,
-	followed up, you should be able to explain in detail
() Low	
Medium	
High	
Expert	
60. How do you define "value" in your GB	SS? (select all that apply)
Cost Optimization	Margin Improvement
Labor Arbitrage & Work Absorption	Working Capital Improvement
Risk Optimization	Brand Improvement
Customer Satisfaction	Growth (volume)
Employee Satisfaction	Growth (new markets)
Revenue Improvement	Compliance
61. What is the size of your GBS budget a	as a percentage of overall enterprise revenue?
0.1%<0.2%	
0.2%<0.5%	
0.5%<1%	
<u> </u>	
2%<5%	
5% or more	
year? For EACH of these core business resudelivering improvements and quantify the inmetrics used to calculate this value. Please	Margin, Cash and Growth in the past financial alls, please list & explain your top drivers for impact (over the last financial year). Define the write 1 paragraph on each. (You may attach slides of writing your answers out but the answer should

66. Do you measure your customers' satisfaction regarding GBS services? If yes, please list your Net Promoter Score (NPS) or convert your metric into NPS equivalent. (NPS measures customer satisfaction (based on recommendations) on a scale of 0-10. Customers are divided into three categories: 0-6 are Detractors; 7-8 are Passives; and 9-10 are Promoters. NPS= (No. of Promoters - No. of Detractors)/Total No. of respondents x 100

Allswei Options:	
• <0 (negative)	
• 0-<20	
• 20-<40	
• 40-<60	
• >=60	
No we do not measure customer satisfaction	
Yes we measure customer satisfaction	
If "yes" - please list NPS or convert whatever metric you use into NPS equivalent:	
67. Over the last 12 months/past calendar year what was your GBS' biggest achie	evement
in the category covered above (Service Delivery & Impact). Explain in 3-6 paragraph	ıs the
major changes/initiatives and the results/benefits achieved. (You may attach slides for	r
additional insights or as an alternative to writing your answers out but the answer sh	hould be
clearly defined and easily visible.)	

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Review Your Application

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Application Submitted!

Thank you for participating in our GBS benchmarking study and Award application. Shortlisted candidates for the World's Best GBS Award 2026 will be contacted for a 30 minute interview as part of the evaluation process.

The winner of the World's Best GBS Award 2026 will be announced at SSON's 2026 global flagship events: SSOW North America (March 2026, Orlando), SSOW Europe (May 2026, Lisbon) and SSOW Asia (October 2026, Singapore). The winner will be contacted beforehand and will be broadly profiled via SSON channels (website, events) as well as externally (social media etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact <u>info@sson-analytics.com</u> with subject line 'GBS Benchmarking Study 2026'.