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The era of global sourcing has truly arrived. Organizations today can choose to source IT services from around the world, combining offshore, nearshore and onshore resources to best effect. Companies can choose the most economical option or specialist skills or niche service providers wherever they can be found.

This second report from the Working Party on Offshoring focuses on activities within BCS that will help UK IT professionals succeed as globalization increases. The report also includes items written by individual IT professionals who are using the new opportunities opened up by offshoring and gives some examples of UK success stories, including sectors where we have world-leading strengths. Individual contributors are acknowledged in the report as providers of the information included in the preceding text, direct quotes and boxed case studies.

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