

## When must Local Education Agencies (LEAs) solicit proposals for public-private prekindergarten partnerships with local child care providers?

LEAs must solicit and consider proposals from community-based child care providers for partnerships to provide prekindergarten classes prior to constructing, repurposing, or leasing a classroom facility, or issuing bonds for the construction or repurposing of a classroom facility, to provide prekindergarten classes.

TEC§29.153 (g)

LEAs with full-day prekindergarten exemptions that request an exemption renewal must share documentation verifying increased numbers of eligible four-year-olds served in full-day prekindergarten programs during each year of the exemption term **or** solicit proposals for partnerships with public or private entities regarding prekindergarten classes and consider submitted proposals at a **public meeting**. TEC§29.153(d-1)

### Tips for solicitation of public-private prekindergarten partnerships

The partnership proposal solicitation process should foster relationships between LEAs and their local Early Learning Providers. When the process is implemented thoughtfully, it can be the first step in expanding the capacity of High-Quality Prekindergarten in a community. Here are tips for implementing a successful process.

#### Spread The Word



- Post notice of solicitation on social media
- Post notice of solicitation on the LEA website
- Share with local Early Childhood stakeholder groups
- Share with local Workforce Boards
- Share with child care associations or networks

#### Allow Time



- Interested child care providers need time to create a proposal
- Consider holding several informational sessions for interested providers
- Provide LEA contact phone and/or email address for interested providers to reach out with questions

#### Be Flexible



- Be open to partnership opportunities
- While a proposal may not meet your needs, consider other ways to partner
- Be open to engaging in partnership conversation at any time of year

#### Set Clear Goals



- Make partnership goals clear in the solicitation
- Encourage interested providers to include their goals as part of the proposal
- Partnership goals must be developed collaboratively during the planning phase