

Arkansas Department of Education Call for Proposals for Early Childhood Professional Services

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) is releasing a Call for Proposals on **August 11, 2025**, for vendors interested in providing early childhood professional services for the 2026-2027 school year. ADE seeks qualified vendors to provide coaching, training, and technical assistance to the state's early childhood providers and educators. Professional services contracts funded by this opportunity shall begin July 1, 2026, with five-year initial award contracts and an annual evaluation.

SECTION II- APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

A. Call for Proposals Timeline and Important Dates

August 11, 2025	Call for Proposals released
November 1, 2025	Proposal submissions due to ARECEQuality@ade.arkansas.gov
January 2026	Vendors notified of recommendations
March 2026	State board reviews contracts
After Board Meeting Approval	Contracts issued
July 2026	Vendors begin offering professional service units

B. How to Apply

Applying vendors must complete the following to apply:

- Completed [Narrative Application](#) and relevant supporting artifacts as a PDF file
- Completed [Coverage and Price Schedule](#) as an Excel document

Applications must be submitted as one PDF and one Excel sheet by November 1, 2025, to ARECEQuality@ade.arkansas.gov.

C. Eligible Vendors

Eligible vendors include qualified organizations and individuals, such as, but not limited to:

- Universities
- Education Service Cooperatives
- Government agencies
- Local early childhood lead organizations
- Nonprofit and for-profit organizations
- Other national or local educational vendors or individuals with demonstrated experience delivering early childhood professional services

Vendors must demonstrate:

- Evidence of relevant experience
- Staff qualifications

- Capacity to deliver high-quality services across the selected county or counties

Questions about the Call for Proposals process can be submitted to
ARECEQuality@ade.arkansas.gov.