



Alexander County Partnership for Children
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Naturalized Outdoor Learning Environment Construction Project For Children Ages 0–5 Years

Issue Date: April 16, 2025

Proposal Submission Deadline: April 25, 2025

Project Location: 1565 NC Hwy 90 W, Taylorsville, NC 28681

Project Contact:

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1. Project Overview

Alexander County Partnership for Children is seeking proposals from qualified contractors to construct a naturalized outdoor learning environment for young children aged 0–5 years. The goal is to create a safe, stimulating, and engaging space that supports imaginative play, connection with nature, and early learning experiences. Alexander County Partnership for Children is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to build the capacity of families and the community to prepare children for success in school and in life. For more information about the agency and our priorities, visit <https://www.alexanderchildren.org/>.

2. Scope of Work

The selected contractor will be responsible for providing all labor, materials, equipment, and permits necessary to complete the following features:

- **Stage Deck with Roof and Seating:**
A small performance area 12' X 6' deck with a roof and seating for children and adults. Structure should be durable, weather-resistant, and built to code. Engineering plans will be provided.
- **Corner Deck with Seating:**
A cozy low corner gathering deck 14' X 5', suitable for group activities or quiet play. Should include built-in, child-friendly seating. Engineering plans will be provided.
- **Lean-To Storage Structure:**
A simple storage unit for outdoor materials and equipment, especially for parking riding toys underneath at the edge of the concrete pathway.

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- **Sandbox:**
A defined, safe sandbox area 12' X 8' with proper drainage, edging and bench seating around it with tall posts at each corner.
- **Three Garden Arbors:**
Decorative and functional arbors for plant growth and shaded passageways. The plan calls for two 8' X 4' arbors and one 6.6' X 2.5'. These can either be constructed on site or be ordered prefabricated and assembled onsite.
- **Low, Natural-Looking Fencing:**
Low fencing to protect garden beds and plants no taller than 16". This will be also be used for pulling up and as a walking railing for toddlers. Should be natural in appearance and safe for young children. Approximately 120 feet.

3. Proposal Requirements

Interested contractors should submit a proposal that includes the following:

- Company name, background, and relevant experience
- Proposed approach and timeline for the project including start and finish dates
- Detailed cost estimate (including materials, labor, and contingency)
- List of subcontractors (if any)
- Proof of insurance, licensing, and bonding

4. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Experience with similar projects
- Alignment with the vision and intent of a nature-based early learning space
- Cost-effectiveness and transparency of pricing
- Project timeline and availability
- Quality of past work and client references

5. Timeline

- All work must be completed by June 15, 2025
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6. Submission Instructions

Please submit your complete proposal by **April 25, 2025 at 5:00pm** to Paula Cline, Executive Director, Alexander County Partnership for Children
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7. Additional Notes

- Site plans and additional design documents can be made available upon request.
- A pre-bid walkthrough is recommended to understand the site conditions. Please contact Paula Cline to arrange.
- All work must comply with local building codes, ADA guidelines, and child safety regulations.

We look forward to receiving your proposal and partnering to bring this enriching natural learning space to life for our children.

Deck Engineering Plans

https://alexanderchildren.org/assets/pdf/Deck_Engineering_Plans.pdf

ACPC Schematic

https://alexanderchildren.org/assets/pdf/ACPC_Schematic_2025_03_27.pdf

Built Structure Highlighted

<https://alexanderchildren.org/assets/pdf/APCPC%20OLE%20Built%20Structures%20Highlighted.pdf>

ACPC Dimensions

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