

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a PSP?

A PSP is a professional service provider. This term describe a person whom a LEA or campus creates a contract to provide professional consulting services to make recommendations, provide technical assistance and monitor change in practice or procedure.

What is a CIT?

A CIT is a Campus Intervention Team described in TEC 39.106, as a team of professionals who assist campuses in the improvement process. The team is at least 50% external to the district and may be 50% internal to the district but not assigned to the campus. The External CIT member acts on behalf of the Texas Education Agency, monitoring the campus improvement work and reports to the commissioner about the progress of the campus implementation of the school improvement plan (SIP). *Many times the "CIT" is referred to as the external CIT member.*

How do I get the list of approved external PSP-CITs?

The Turnaround Team at your local Service Center has the TEA approved list of PSP-CITs who work in your Region.

How do I get assistance with selection of a PSP-CIT for our school?

Each of the 20 Regional Educational Service Centers has a Turnaround Team to assist campuses and districts with the school turnaround process including the selection and approval of an External PSP-CIT.

What if the person we want as our PSP-CIT is not on the approved list?

Only persons who have gone through the application process with the Texas Turnaround Center, participated in a screening interview, and attended the required training may serve as PSP-CITs. Persons not on the approved list may not serve as external CIT members for an AU campus.

How did someone get on the approved PSP-CIT list?

Persons on the approved PSP-CIT list, submitted an application to the Texas Turnaround Center by April 30, 2010. Applicants participated in a screening interview. All accepted PSP-CITs were required to attend statewide training July 26-30, 2010.

How long do we have to have a PSP-CIT?

A school must engage in monitored school improvement and contract with an external PSP-CIT until the school receives two consecutive rating of Academically Acceptable or higher.

How many hours or days should we contact?

This question is difficult to answer based on the specifics for the AU rating and the depth of systemic change that may be needed to ensure continuous improvement. Also the efficiency and capacity of the organization in supporting the work of the PSP-CIT could impact the time requirement.

Do we have to pay travel expenses?

This is a negotiable item with the PSP-CIT. Be very specific in your agreement regarding travel time and expenses.

How much should we pay a PSP-CIT?

TEA has a recommended PSP-CIT cost. TEA annually collections data regarding PSP-CIT cost to the district. Experience and past success of the PSP-CIT could impact the cost. It is important to remember that your district is contracting with an experienced educator with experience is improving student performance.

<http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=3046>

Does the LEA get funds to pay the PSP-CIT?

No. Campus nor LEAs receive any additional state funding to support the contract with a PSP-CIT. All expenses associated with a PSP-CIT are to be paid from local funds.

How do we replace a PSP-CIT once we have TEA approval?

Once a PSP-CIT has received TEA approval they are acting on behalf of the Commissioner of Education. Any change to the PSP-CIT requires Commissioner approval.