

## TLA50: Partnerships and Collaborations Week 1 Handout: Partnership Continuum

*Use this handout to brainstorm a list of possible partners for your TLA50 projects. What do you want to accomplish through this partnership? Based on the definitions below, would you characterize the partnership as Cooperative, Coordinated, or Collaborative? What assets would be gained through this partner relationship?*

**Cooperative:** Characterized by informal relationships that exist without any commonly defined mission, structure, or planning effort. Information is shared as needed, and authority is retained by each organization so there is virtually no risk. Resources are separate, as are rewards.

**Coordinated:** Characterized by more formal relationships and an understanding of compatible missions. Some planning and division of roles are required, and communication channels are established. Authority still rests with the individual organizations, but there is some increased risk to all participants. Resources are available to participate and rewards are mutually acknowledged

**Collaborative:** Commitment to shared goals, a jointly developed structure and shared responsibility, mutual authority and accountability for success, and sharing of resources, risks, and rewards.

Possible partner	Characteristics that are:			Assets Gained
	Cooperative	Coordinated	Collaborative	

*Expand as necessary.*