



Bid Waiver Form

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Short Description of Goods/Services	Home visiting services for families with young children	Total Cost	\$4,348,205 (five year)		
Vendor Name	RISE WI INC	MUNIS #	1517	Req #	
Purchasing Officer	Pete Patten	Date	1/6/23		
Department	Human Services-PEI	Email	meinen.megan@countyofdane.com		
Name	Megan Meinen	Phone			

A VENDOR QUOTE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE WAIVER FOR APPROVAL

Provide a detailed description of the goods/services intended to be purchased:

The Dane County Early Childhood Initiative program (ECI) delivers home visiting services across five geographic areas in Dane County. (The five ECI areas are: Allied Drive, Raymond Road, the North side Early Childhood Zone, the Leopold Early Childhood Zone, and the Sun Prairie Early Childhood Zone) ECI directly provides family and child support services in order to encourage healthy child development and strengthen the infant-parent relationship. ECI also connects families to education and employment support services provided by Children's Wisconsin. Additionally, three of the five ECI sites are Dane County Early Childhood Zones, (ECZ's) which are networks of service providers that use a two-generation approach to support families and promote the healthy development and school readiness of children. Within the ECZs, ECI provides home visiting services and works to connect families to employment and education supports, housing, and mental health services.

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Procurement Exception List

- Emergency Procurement
- Unique and specific technical qualifications are required
- A special adaptation for a special purpose is required
- A unique or opportune buying condition exists
- Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

Provide a detailed explanation as to why the competitive bidding (RFB/RFP) process cannot be used. Also provide a detailed justification in relation to the Procurement Exception(s) chosen:

The ECI program is co-funded by the Roots and Wings Foundation. Furthermore, three of ECI's five geographic service areas are in the Dane County Early Childhood Zones. The Early Childhood Zones are a collaboration between Dane County Human Services and other funders including the United Way of Dane County and the City of Madison. It is the expectation of these other funders that Dane County Human Services continue to fund the ECI program as is. We do not want to put this shared funding at risk by switching vendors for ECI.

ECI works in collaboration with the Employment and Education Support program, which is implemented by Children's Wisconsin and also funded by Dane County Human Services. RISE and Children's work together very closely in order to offer home visiting and education and employment services to all families enrolled in ECI. The Early Childhood Zones are dependent upon close coordination and referrals among several service providers including other home visiting programs and providers of services including employment and education, mental health, and housing. Building this network has been a complicated and delicate process, and both the funders and the service providers in the ECZ's want to keep the current network intact. RISE's unique and specific ability to work seamlessly, with no gap in service or coordination, with Children's Wisconsin and all existing providers in the ECZ's, is a requirement for the success of this program and all programs in the Dane County Early Childhood Zones.

Bid Waiver Approval (For Purchasing Use Only)

Under \$40,000 (Controller)

\$40,000+ (Personnel & Finance Committee)

Date Approved:

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