

Bid Waiver Form

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Short Description of Goods/Services	Mental Health Services	Total Cost	\$607,215 - 5 year
Vendor Name	The Rainbow Project, Inc	MUNIS #	6443 Req #
Purchasing Officer	Pete Patten	Date	12/17/2021
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:

Rainbow provides home based therapeutic services (mental health support) for families in Dane County's Early Childhood Zones (ECZ's). The EZC's are networks of service providers that use a two-generation approach to support families and promote the healthy development and school readiness of children. Rainbow provides mental health services in the form of individual therapy, dyad (parent-child) therapy, and family therapy.



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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 Early Childhood Zones are a collaboration between Dane County Human Services and several other funders and service providers including the United Way of Dane County, the City of Madison, and the Oscar Rennenbaum Foundation. DCDHS does not want to put that collaboration at risk by switching vendors for the mental health services that are so key to the Early Childhood Zones. The success of the ECZ's is dependent upon close coordination and referrals among the service providers. Building this network has been a complicated and delicate process, and both the other funders and the service providers in the EZC's want to keep the current network intact. A key requirement of this procurement is working seamlessly, with no gap in service or coordination, with all existing providers in the ECZ's. This is a requirement only The Rainbow Project can meet. Furthermore, Rainbow's unique and specific technical qualifications in providing individual mental health counseling to both adults and children, as well as their expertise in dyad and family counseling, along with the ability to provide all these services in-home, is critical to the success of the program.

Bid Waiver Approval (For Purchasing Use Only)			
Under \$37,000 (Controller)			
\$37,000+ (Personnel & Finance Committee)	Date Approved:		