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**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PROGRAM EVALUATION OF CONTRACTING AND
PROCUREMENT EQUITY IN DANE COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

Dane County government is committed to becoming a more racially equitable and socially just institution in several areas, including: infrastructure; operations; budgets, policy and programs; and in our communities. Over the course of the last several years, Dane County has taken a number of steps to advance racial and social equity. The Dane County Board of Supervisors conducted an independent analysis of racial equity across all county operations, which GARE and Center for Social Inclusion (CSI) completed in September 2015. In this comprehensive study, multiple recommendations and strategies were enumerated to move Dane County to a more responsive, equitable, and just organization. One of the recommendations made in the analysis was to ensure Dane County's communities of color share in the County's economic prosperity via Investments in contracting and procurement that benefit the diversity of Dane County's communities (Page 35 Recommendation 3, Strategy B). This Program Evaluation of Racial and Social Equity in Dane County Contracting and Procurement is intended to help us implement the above recommendation.

A Request for Proposals was issued on behalf of the Dane County Board Office soliciting proposals for an evaluation, through a racial and social equity lens, of Dane County Government's Contracting and Procurement Policies and Processes. The evaluation is intended to yield recommendations for strategies and actions that would further advance racial and social equity in Dane County contracting and procurement while also maintaining the transparency, procedural fairness, and sound procurement industry practices valued by Dane County.

Responses were received from two well-qualified firms. Responses are on file in the Purchasing Division of the Department of Administration. The proposals have been evaluated, and the proposal of _____ for completion of a Program Evaluation of Contracting and Procurement Equity in Dane County Government was found to be most advantageous to the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that _____ be awarded the contract to complete the Program Evaluation of Contracting and Procurement Equity in Dane County Government at a cost not to exceed \$_____; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Dane County Clerk and the Dane County Executive are hereby authorized and directed to sign the appropriate contract on behalf of Dane County.