



Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement

I. Program Description and Current Operations

Date: 12/13/16

Service or Goods to be Purchased: Earthwork GPS System

Estimated Expenditure Amount: \$50,715.00

Vendor Name: AgRePlan, LLC

Department: Public Works – Solid Waste Division

Name of Contact Person: John Welch

Name of Program: Solid Waste – Rodefild – SWRODFLD 57359

Requisition Number:

- II. Chapter 25 of Dane County Ordinance codifies the County's purchasing and contracting process. Included in this chapter, 25.11(20) allows for exceptions to the competitive bidding process for a variety of reasons.

Below is a list of exceptions specified in the ordinance. Choose the one most appropriate to your request.

Emergency procurement

Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements

When unique and specific technical qualifications are required

When special adaptation for a special purpose is required

When a unique or opportune buying condition exists

- III. State your rationale for request for waiver. Please be specific.

This GPS equipment will be installed on two bulldozers at the landfill. It also includes a mobile/rover GPS unit to check elevations in the field. And, it will upgrade our existing waste GPS system to operate via cellular signal rather than radio signal with repeaters, which will increase reliability. The GPS equipment will be used to get real-time verification of grades and elevations while performing earthwork. This will be very valuable information and save the Division money in work efficiencies and in reduced surveyor costs. Specifically, this equipment will be used to verify grades during landfill capping. The Division has to cap 39 acres of the landfill in the next 3 years.

Currently, there is similar GPS equipment on the landfill compactors, which is used to help ensure waste compaction and maintain grades on the outside slopes of the landfill during waste filling activities. The County purchased that GPS system 2 years ago, and it includes a base station, a laptop, and all of the necessary software.

Rather than trying to run two completely different GPS systems at the site, one for waste filling activities and another one for earthwork activities, it would make more sense to purchase the new earthwork GPS system from the same company that supplied our waste GPS system. If approved, this bid waiver would reduce the need to purchase expensive and redundant equipment. It would also simplify operations, as both of the GPS systems would be on the same platform, and serviced by the same company.