

2019
Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement

- I. Program Description and Current Operations: Early Childhood Initiative-Home Visiting Services
Name of Service Provider currently under contract: RISE
Name of Contract Manager: Ron Chance
Division: DCDHS-Children, Youth and Families
Current Contract Total: \$728,680
Name of Program (program description): The Early Childhood Initiative (ECI) provides voluntary, in-home, comprehensive, social-work services to families with young children, ages 0-4 years. The services are neighborhood based, serving 5 Dane County locations.
- 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.
- Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements
- III. State your rationale for request for waiver. Please be specific.
ECI is a model with multiple funding sources: Dane County Human Service, the State of Wisconsin and the Rennebohm Foundation. We are one of multiple funders and our partners are not interested in seeking a change in vendor at this time. The Rennebohm Foundation is currently committed to funding the ECI component of RISE situated on the Northside of Madison through 2020. It is important to keep the current vendor in order to maintain program integrity, supervision and consistent management in place. Consequently, it is important to maintain RISE as the contracted agency.