

**2016
Request for Waiver of Bid Procurement**

I. Program Description and Current Operations:

Name of service providers currently under contract: *Centro Hispano*
Name of contract manager: *Connie Bettin*
Division: *Department of Human Services / Division of Children, Youth, and Families*
Current contracts total: *\$72,435 (2015 allocation)*
Name of program (program description): *Escalera*

Escalera provides services for Latino youth in grades 6-12 to promote economic mobility by increasing educational attainment, career planning, and access to information about advanced careers. Escalera shall increase parent and student involvement in the educational process through parent meetings and culturally relevant leadership development programming. Escalera is a program supported by DCDHS, the City of Madison, Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) and United Way. The goals and objectives are the same across funding sources.

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.

 X When a unique or opportune buying condition exists

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

Escalera is also funded by the City of Madison, United Way and MMSD. The project has shared outcome measures and deliverables to enhance academic performance and college readiness of Latino youth. Dane County is an equal funding partner in the project (25% of total budget). The funding partners are not interested in seeking alternative providers given the investment in the program to date. DCDHS supports this position.