



Bid Waiver Form

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Short Description of Goods/Services	Nurse Call System
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Vendor Name	CEC
Vendor MUNIS #	19540
Requisition #	1870
Requisition Year	2021
Total Cost	\$69,176.64

A VENDOR QUOTE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE WAIVER FOR APPROVAL

Provide a detailed description of the goods/services intended to be purchased:

The nurse call system at Badger Prairie Health Care Center is the lifeline for our residents. When a resident needs something, they push the button. This call system is directly linked to an Ascom phone handset that each CNA carries with them at all times. This allows the resident and the CNA to talk directly and be in immediate contact. This brings safety and security to both staff and residents in case either is in need of assistance.

The current nurse call system and Ascom phone system is original to this building, since 2011. At this time, both of these integrated systems need to be updated with both hardware and software. The nurse call system is antiquated and no longer has parts readily available. If there were to be a failure in the equipment, it is unknown how long or even if this system can be repaired. This could put our residents and staff in danger.

Per the Wisconsin State guidelines DHS 132.84(4)(a), our facility is required to provide a resident and staff communication system.

CEC will upgrade our current Rauland Responder R4000 Head-End to Responder R5000, including the application and reporting software suite and integration to the existing Ascom wireless phone system. This includes updated power supplies, new battery backups and 5 year warranty. The total upgrade includes training, software, software and installation services.



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Procurement Exception List (place an "X" next to any that apply)	
	Emergency Procurement
	Only one vendor possesses the unique and singularly available ability to meet the Department's requirements
x	Unique and specific technical qualifications are required
	A special adaptation for a special purpose is required
	A unique or opportune buying condition exists

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 chosen:
<p>Both the nurse call system and Ascom phone system were designed and integrated into Badger Prairie Health Care Facility when it was built in 2011. Communications Engineering Company (CEC) and Marco, our Ascom phone vendor, have continued to provide all services throughout this time. They know our facility and systems inside and out and how they integrate together. It is invaluable to have vendors that know our facility for both emergencies and troubleshooting.</p> <p>These two systems integrate directly together, as well as with our door access/alert and roam alert systems. Our door alarm system, through ESI, feeds directly into the nurse call system, which feeds directly into the Ascom phone system. This is also true for our roam alert system, through CEC. All of these systems are fully integrated with each other – they are not functional without the other.</p> <p>Because this is not a facility wide change of all equipment related to these systems, it wouldn't make sense to seek other vendors. The hardware and software updates are updating the technology, not changing any functionality of either system. The hardware in each room, wiring and ancillary hardware are remaining the same. Only the headend portion of the system is being updated.</p>

Bid Waiver Approval (Purchasing Use Only)

Under \$37,000 Controller Approval	Date

\$37,000 or over Personnel & Finance Committee Approval Date	
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