



**DANE COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**PURCHASING DIVISION**

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

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**RFP NUMBER:** **121017**

**RFP TITLE:** **CDBG – Fair Housing Services**

**RFP DEADLINE:** **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 2:00 PM  
CST.**

**PROPOSALS  
MUST BE  
UPLOADED TO:** **Purchasing Bid Dropbox  
[www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com)**

**\*Late, faxed, mailed, hand-delivered or unsigned proposals will be rejected\***

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## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- Update Vendor Registration
- Read Entire RFP Document

- Vendor Information Form
- Dane County Application for 2020 Public Service CDBG-CV Funds

- Upload Vendor Information Form and Application form to the Purchasing Bid Dropbox.

**DATE ISSUED | December 7, 2020**

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## 1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide interested parties with information to enable them to prepare and submit a proposal according to the specifications set forth within this document. *All proposals must include the completed Dane County Application for the 2021 CDBG Application for Fair Housing and Education Outreach Services Funds and information requested in [Attachment C](#).*

The County intends to use the results of this process to award a contract or issue of purchase order for the product(s) and or services(s) stated.

**The Dane County Purchasing Division is the sole point of contact for questions and issues that may arise during the RFP process.**

### 1.2 Clarification of the Specifications

All inquiries concerning this RFP must be **emailed** to the **person indicated on the cover page** of the RFP Document.

Any questions concerning this RFP must be submitted in writing by e-mail on or before the stated date on the **Calendar of Events** (Section 1.6).

Proposers are expected to raise any questions, exceptions, or additions they have concerning the RFP document at this point in the RFP process. If a proposer discovers any significant ambiguity, error, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other deficiency in this RFP, the proposer should immediately notify the contact person of such error and request modification or clarification of the RFP document.

Proposers are prohibited from communicating directly with any employee of Dane County, except as described herein. No County employee or representative other than those individuals listed as County contacts in this RFP is authorized to provide any information or respond to any question or inquiry concerning this RFP.

### 1.3 Vendor Conference

[There will not be a vendor conference.](#)

### 1.4 Reasonable Accommodations

The County will provide reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

### 1.5 Addendums and/or Revisions

In the event that it becomes necessary to provide additional clarifying data or information, or to revise any part of this RFP, revisions/amendments and/or supplements will be posted on the Purchasing Division [website](#).

It shall be the responsibility of the proposers to regularly monitor the Purchasing Division web site for any such postings. Proposers must acknowledge the receipt/review of any addendum(s) at the bottom of the Vendor Information Page.

**1.6 Calendar of Events**

Listed below are specific and estimated dates and times of actions related to this RFP. The actions with specific dates must be completed as indicated unless otherwise changed by the County. In the event that the County finds it necessary to change any of the specific dates and times in the calendar of events listed below, it will do so by issuing an addendum to this RFP and posting such addendum on the Dane County [website](#). There may or may not be a formal notification issued for changes in the estimated dates and times.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
December 7, 2020	RFP Issued
January 4, 2021	Last day to submit written inquiries (2:00 p.m. CST)
January 6, 2021	Addendums or supplements to the RFP posted on the Purchasing Division <a href="#">website</a>
January 19, 2021	Proposals due (2:00 p.m. CST)
January 2021	Interviews (if needed)
February 2021	Vendor Selection/Award

**1.8 Contract Term and Funding**

The contract shall be effective on the date indicated on the purchase order or the contract execution date and shall run until completion of the project.

**1.9 Submittal Instructions**

Proposals must be received in the Purchasing – Bid Dropbox located on the [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com) website no later than the date and time indicated within the RFP Deadline field on the RFP Cover Page or addenda. Late, faxed, mailed, hand-delivered, or unsigned proposals will be rejected unless otherwise specified. Dane County is not liable for any cost incurred by proposers in replying to this RFP.

All proposals must be saved in PDF format unless otherwise specified within the RFP document and the file name shall include the RFP# and name of business submitting proposal.

Example of how to name the files:

120012 – Vendor Name – RFP Response

120012 – Vendor Name – Cost Proposal

**To Submit a Proposal:**

1. Go to [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com) and click on Purchasing – Bid Dropbox or click on the Open RFP’s and Bids page link.
2. Click on the Submit a Bid button within the green Purchasing Bid Dropbox.
3. Type in the Email, First Name, Last Name and Company information and click Continue.
4. Drag and drop the RFP files one at a time into the “Drag files here” box.
5. After all files have been placed into the “Drag files here” box, click on the blue Upload button.
  - a. The file upload status can be seen for each document uploaded.
  - b. After each document reaches 100%, it will say “Uploaded”.

6. Confirm all files have been uploaded and then close out of the window.

**1.10 Bid Opening and Summary Posting**

Dane County Purchasing strives to complete a summary and post online the same day as the opening. The only information provided at an opening of an RFP is the name of each vendor submitting a proposal. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the County is not currently holding public bid openings.

**1.11 Multiple Proposals**

Multiple proposals from a vendor will be permissible, however each proposal must conform fully to the requirements for proposal submission. Each such proposal must be clearly labeled as Proposal #1, Proposal #2, etc.

**1.12 Proposal Organization and Format**

Proposals shall be organized to comply with the section numbers and names as shown in Section 4.0: Proposal Preparation Requirements.

**1.13 Designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information**

All restrictions on the use of data contained within a proposal and all confidential information must be clearly stated on the Vendor Information Attachment under the “Designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information” section.

Proprietary information submitted in a proposal, or in response to the RFP, will be handled in accordance with the applicable Wisconsin State Statute(s).

Submitted pricing will always become public information when proposals are opened and therefore cannot be designated as confidential.

Other information cannot be kept confidential unless it is a trade secret. Trade secret is defined in Sect. 134(80)(1)(c) Wis. State Statutes, as follows: "Trade secret" means information, including a formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method technique or process to which all of the following apply:

1. The information derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.
2. The information is the subject of efforts to maintain its secrecy that are reasonable under the circumstances.

To the extent permitted by law, it is the intention of Dane County to withhold the contents of the proposal from public view until such times as competitive or bargaining reasons no longer require non-disclosure, in the opinion of Dane County. At that time, all proposals will be available for review in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Records Law.

**In the event the Designation of Confidentiality of this information is challenged, is required to provide legal counsel or other necessary assistance to defend the Designation of Confidentiality.**

Failure to designate confidential and proprietary information within the Designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information section of the Vendor Information Attachment may mean that all information provided as part of the proposal response will be open to examination or copying. The County considers other markings of confidential in the proposal document to be insufficient. The undersigned agrees to hold the County harmless for any damages arising out of the release of any material unless they are specifically identified within the Designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information section of the Vendor Information Attachment.

### **1.14 Cooperative Purchasing**

Participating in cooperative purchasing gives a vendor the opportunity for additional sales without additional bidding. Municipalities use the service to expedite purchases. A “municipality” is defined as any county, city, village, town, school district, board of school directors, sewer district, drainage district, vocational, technical and adult education district, or any other public body having authority to award public contracts (s. 16.70(8), Wis. Stats.). Federally recognized Indian tribes and bands in this state may participate in cooperative purchasing with the state or any municipality under ss. 66.0301(1) and (20), Wis. Stats.

Cooperative Purchasing does not apply to this RFP response.

### **1.15 Vendor Registration Program:**

All proposers are strongly encouraged to be a registered vendor with Dane County. Registering allows a vendor the opportunity to receive notifications for solicitations issued by the County and provides the County with up-to-date company contact information.

Provide your Dane County Vendor # in the Vendor Information section of the proposal submission packet.

#### For Non-Registered Vendors:

Complete vendor registration by visiting [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com). On the top menu bar, click Vendor Registration and then click Create Vendor Account. You will receive an email confirmation once your account is created and again when your vendor registration is complete. Retain your user name/email address and password for ease of re-registration in future years. Within 2-4 days of completing the registration, a vendor number will be assigned and emailed to you.

#### For Registered Vendors:

Check to make sure your vendor information including commodity codes is up-to-date by signing into your account at [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com). On the top menu bar, click Vendor Registration and then click Vendor Log In.

### **1.16 Local Purchasing Ordinance**

Under County ordinances, a Local Vendor is defined as a supplier or provider of equipment, materials, supplies or services that has an established place of business within the County of Dane. An established place of business means a physical office, plant or other facility. A post office box address does not qualify a vendor as a Local Vendor.

County ordinance provides that a local vendor automatically receive five points toward the evaluation score.

Vendors located within the counties adjacent to Dane County (Columbia, Dodge, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Rock, Sauk) automatically receive two points toward the evaluation score.

**1.17 Dane County Sustainability Principles**

On October 18, 2012, the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 103, 2012-2013 establishing the following sustainability principles for the county:

- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to dependence upon persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to encroachment upon nature and harm to life-sustaining ecosystems (e.g., land, water, wildlife, forest, soil, ecosystems);
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to conditions that undermine people's ability to meet their basic human needs.

**1.18 Fair Labor Practice Certification**

**Dane County Ord. 25.09 (1) is as follows:**

**(28) BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY. (a)** Any bid, application or proposal for any contract with the county, including public works contracts regulated under chapter 40, shall include a certification indicating whether the bidder has been found by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) or the Wisconsin Employment Relations Committee (WERC) to have violated any statute or regulation regarding labor standards or relations within the last seven years. The purchasing manager shall investigate any such finding and make a recommendation to the committee, which shall determine whether the conduct resulting in the finding affects the bidder's responsibility to perform the contract.

If you indicated that you have been found by the NLRB or WERC to have such a violation, you must include a copy of any relevant information regarding such violation with your proposal, bid or application.

Additional information can be found using the following links: [www.nlr.gov](http://www.nlr.gov) and <http://werc.wi.gov>.

## SECTION 2 – PROPOSAL SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

### 2.0 PROPOSAL SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

#### 2.1 Preliminary Evaluation

The proposals will first be reviewed to determine if requirements in Section 1 and Section 4 are met. Failure to meet mandatory requirements will result in the proposal being rejected. In the event that all vendors do not meet one or more of the mandatory requirements, the County reserves the right to continue the evaluation of the proposals and to select the proposal which most closely meets the requirements specified in this RFP.

#### 2.2 Proposal Scoring

Accepted proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation team and scored against the stated criteria in Section 2.4. This scoring will determine the ranking of vendors based upon their written proposals. If the team determines that it is in the best interest of the County to require oral presentations, the highest-ranking vendors will be invited to make such presentations. Those vendors that participate in the interview process will then be scored, and the final ranking will be made based upon those scores.

#### 2.3 Oral Presentations/Interview

Top ranked selected proposers may be required to make oral interview presentations and/or site visits to supplement their proposals, if requested by the County. The County will make every reasonable attempt to schedule each presentation at a time and location that is agreeable to the proposer. Failure of a proposer to conduct a presentation to the County on the date scheduled may result in rejection of the vendor's proposal.

#### 2.4 Evaluation Criteria

Applications deemed eligible that meet all application criteria will be presented to the CDBG Commission CARES Application Review Team and will be evaluated using the following criteria:

<b>Application Review Criteria</b>	
Item	Maximum Points
1. Beneficiaries	10
2. Project Approach	30
3. Experience and Qualifications	30
4. Project Budget	20
5. **Past Performance	10
TOTAL POINTS	100

**An explanation of each criteria item is listed in section 4.**

**\*\* If the organization has been previously funded, a review of past expenditures and performance shows that the organization has been able to meet timelines and goals in a reasonable fashion. Compliance with the contract will include, but**



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not be limited to, submission of reports and adherence to scope of services.  
(Worth up to 10 points with maximum points being awarded to new projects.)

### 2.5.1.1 Right to Reject Proposals and Negotiate Contract Terms

The County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to negotiate the terms of the contract, including the award amount, with the selected proposer prior to entering into a contract. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully with the highest scoring proposer, the County may negotiate a contract with the next highest scoring proposer.

### 2.6 Award and Final Offers

The award will be granted in one of two ways. The award may be granted to the highest scoring responsive and responsible proposer. Alternatively, the highest scoring proposer or proposers may be requested to submit final and best offers. If final and best offers are requested, they will be evaluated against the stated criteria, scored and ranked. The award will then be granted to the highest scoring proposer.

### 2.7 Notification of Intent to Award

As a courtesy, the County may send a notification of award memo to responding vendors at the time of the award.

## SECTION 3 – PROJECT OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

### 3.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW AND SCOPE OF SERVICES

#### 3.1 Definitions and Links

The following definitions and links are used throughout the RFP.

**County:** Dane County

**County Agency:** Department/Division utilizing the service or product.

**Dane County Purchasing website:** [www.danepurchasing.com](http://www.danepurchasing.com)

**Fair Labor Practices websites:** [www.nlrb.gov](http://www.nlrb.gov) and <http://werc.wi.gov>

**Purchasing**

**Proposer/Vendor/Firm/Contractor:** a company submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.

#### 3.2 Scope of Services/Specification Overview

##### 3.2.1 Project Description

The CDBG Program is currently seeking projects that will provide fair housing education and outreach services, as well as, reporting on the number, bases, and resolution of fair housing complaints within the 56 participating jurisdictions of the Dane County Urban County Consortium or at agencies/organizations that provide services to participating jurisdictions.

##### Background

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended (the Fair Housing Act), prohibits discrimination in all housing-related activities on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability. As of February 3, 2012 HUD implemented policies to ensure that its programs were open to all eligible persons and families regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. Section 808(e)(5) of the Fair Housing Act also requires the Secretary of HUD to administer the Department's housing and community development programs in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing. Actions to affirmatively further fair housing are to further policies of the Fair Housing Act by actively promoting wider housing opportunities for all persons while maintaining a nondiscriminatory environment in all aspects of public and private housing markets.

Chapter 31 of the Dane County Ordinances covers the Dane County Fair Housing regulations. This ordinance states, "that all persons shall have an equal opportunity for housing regardless of race, gender, age, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, domestic partnership status, family status, mental illness, disability, physical appearance, lawful source of income, student status, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, military discharge status, political beliefs, status as a victim of domestic violence, or the fact that a person declines to disclose his or her Social Security Number when such disclosure is not compelled by state or federal law, or the person is associated with a tenant union."

The Wisconsin State Assembly passed two key pieces of legislation which were signed by the Governor, SB 466 and 2011 Wisconsin Act 108. This legislation was implemented in 2012 and significantly impacted the rights of tenants in Dane County.

The *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Dane County, Wisconsin* prepared by Maxfield Research, Inc. reviewed data from a survey conducted by the County in 2010. The results showed that 19% of persons feel that housing discrimination

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was an issue in their neighborhood. Almost 5% of respondents stated they believed they had experienced housing discrimination, of which 91% did not report the incident. When asked why they did not report, nearly 48% indicated they felt it would not make any difference and 14% indicated it was too much trouble. The report also examined fair housing complaint data filed at the local, state, and federal level. One of the issues raised in the report was that the authors were unable to obtain information regarding the resolution of fair housing complaints in Dane County which calls into the question the efficacy of efforts if the resolution is unknown.

The *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Dane County, Wisconsin* also examined home mortgage disclosure data from the Federal Financial Institutions Examinations Council (FFIEC). The data revealed that a greater percentage of loan applications made by Whites resulted in loan originations (78%) than those made by Black/African Americans (68%), Asians (66%), or Latinos (54%).

The *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Dane County, Wisconsin* recommended that Dane County obtain and review statistics on the resolution of Fair Housing complaints filed with the appropriate jurisdictions. In addition, it was recommended that additional publicity efforts be made to alert homeowners in Dane County of the services available and to work with local lending institutions and other groups to inform and educate homeowners regarding their rights. Further it was recommended that continuing education and outreach on general and specific issues related to fair housing be provided.

### **Eligible Applicants**

Eligible applicants include State and local government agencies and non-profit agencies.

Preference will be given HUD-approved agencies in both the Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHIP) and Fair Housing Assistance Program (FHAP). These are defined under 24 CFR 125.103 as:

Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO) – an organization, engaged in fair housing enforcement activities, whether or not enforcement is its sole activity, that: (1) is organized as a private, tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable organization; (2) has at least 2 years experience in complaint intake, complaint investigation, testing for fair housing violations and enforcement of meritorious claims; and (3) is currently engaged in complaint intake, complaint investigation, testing for fair housing violations and enforcement of meritorious claims.

Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (FHO) – an organization, engaged in fair housing enforcement activities, whether or not enforcement is its sole activity, that: (1) is organized as a private, tax-exempt, nonprofit, charitable organization; (2) is currently engaged in complaint intake, complaint investigation, testing for fair housing violations and enforcement of meritorious claims; and (3) upon receipt of FHIP funds, will continue to be engaged in complaint intake, complaint investigation, testing for fair housing violations and enforcement of meritorious claims.

### **Eligible Activities**

**Eligible fair housing activities as defined under 24 CFR 570.206 (c) are “making all persons, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial**

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**status or handicap, aware of the range of housing opportunities available to them; other fair housing enforcement, education and outreach activities; and other activities designed to further the housing objective of avoiding undue concentrations of assisted persons in areas containing a high proportion of low and moderate income persons.”**

The CDBG Program is interested in efforts to provide information to persons whose primary language is not English, such as Asian and Latino populations regarding their fair housing rights and the complaint process to address fair housing issues. In addition the Program is interested in the provision of education and outreach to residents and housing providers in the Dane County Urban County Consortium to make them aware of the expanded Dane County Fair Housing Ordinance.

### **Eligible Costs**

The standards for determining the reasonableness, allow ability and allocability of costs incurred as part of CDBG-financed activities may be found in OMB Circular A-87 for governmental sub recipients, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit sub recipients, and OMB Circular A-21 for educational institutions.

Expenditures must be necessary, reasonable, and directly related to the grant. These may include: staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out the fair housing activities; and costs to provide activity related information services, such as affirmative marketing and fair housing information to prospective homeowners and tenants.

### **Ineligible Costs**

The standards for determining the reasonableness, allow ability, and allocability of costs incurred as part of CDBG-financed activities may be found in OMB Circular A-87 for governmental sub recipients, OMB Circular A-122 for non-profit sub recipients, and OMB Circular A-21 for educational institutions.

Ineligible costs include, but may not be limited to:

- Entertainment,
- Contributions and donations,
- Fines and penalties,
- Bad debts,
- Political activities,
- General governmental expenses,
- Purchase of construction equipment,
- Personal property, furnishings, fixtures, or motor vehicles;
- Operating and maintenance expenses, and
- Income payments

### 3.2.2 **Objectives**

To promote fair housing activities that will affirmatively further fair housing in the 56 participating jurisdictions in the Dane County Urban County Consortium

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### 3.2.3 **Needs**

1. Projects must assist low-and-moderate-income persons in the participating municipalities of the Dane County Urban County Consortium.
2. It is expected that projects will meet documented community needs. This includes needs identified in the *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in Dane County, Wisconsin 2010*, which is available on the County web site at: [http://pdf.countyofdane.com/humanservices/cdbg/2011/analysis\\_of\\_impediments\\_to\\_fair\\_housing\\_choice\\_2011\\_final.pdf](http://pdf.countyofdane.com/humanservices/cdbg/2011/analysis_of_impediments_to_fair_housing_choice_2011_final.pdf) and through other “hard” data sources.
3. The project may not begin until the environmental review requirements at Part 58 are met and the County has given notice to proceed.
4. Any additional funding needed to make the project viable must be secured in order for a contract to be executed.
5. Projects must be able to begin and end in the year in which the contract is awarded, i.e., 2021

### 3.2.4 **Current Operations**

In 2019 and 2020, a grant was awarded to the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council for Fair Housing Education and Outreach Services.

## SECTION 5 – SPECIAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### 4.0 APPLICATION RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Application responses will be scored based on the criteria shown below:

#### 4.1 Attachment A – Vendor Information

#### 4.2 Need and Justification

The project need and justification adequately describes the problem that is being addressed by the proposed project. Statements are substantiated with “hard” data sources. Provides a description of how funds may be targeted to areas of greatest need.

#### 4.3 Beneficiaries

The application describes the population to be served. Additional points will be given to projects located in census tracts where 51% of the population are considered low-and-moderate income. The application should clearly describe the population targeted to receive fair housing education and outreach services.

#### 4.4 Project Approach

The application provides:

- A detailed description of the scope of work that will be undertaken and a description of how the work will address the identified problems.
- A description of any partnerships that have been or will be formed to ensure the success of the project.
- Provides a description of the outcomes or expected benefits of this project for the population to be served

A work plan for how the project/program will be organized, implemented, operated, and administered, and the timeline and milestones from initiation to completion.

Work on the project – meaning funds will be spent – will begin in 2021.

#### 4.5 Experience and Qualifications

The application provides documentation to justify the organization’s capacity to conduct this project. The project is consistent with the mission of the organization. The organization has undertaken projects of similar complexity to the one for which funds are being requested. There are staff resources with the skills and experience to administer and conduct an accountable and responsible project. There appears to be adequate board and management oversight along with a commitment to quality and service improvement.

#### 4.6 Financial Information

The application clearly explains and justifies each proposed budget line item and why CDBG funding is required to make the project viable. An explanation of the bases of the cost estimates for the project is included. The budget is realistic. The organization is financially stable. Efforts have been made to secure and to leverage other funding for the project.

#### 4.7 Mandatory Requirements

The following general requirements are mandatory and must be complied with. NOTE: Programs not meeting the mandatory requirements will not be evaluated.

4.7.1 Be an eligible activity.

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- 4.7.2 **Be located in, or provide services to residents of one of the member communities of the Dane County Urban County Consortium identified in Appendix A.**
- 4.7.3 Address one of the funding priority areas established by the CDBG Commission.
- 4.7.4 Not be a HUD listed debarred or ineligible contractor.

### 5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 5.1 Procurement

1. Contractors of County CDBG funding will comply with the procurement standards under 24 CFR 85.36 for governmental contractors and 24 CFR 84.40-48 for contractors that are non-profit organizations, including the requirements for bonding in procurement.
2. The Contractor is the responsible authority, without recourse to HUD or the County regarding the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of the procurement entered in support of the award or other agreement.
3. The Contractor shall conduct all procurement in a manner to provide to the maximum extent practicable, open and free competition. Contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statement of work, invitations for bids or requests for proposals shall be excluded from competing for a project.
4. General requirements for procurement include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Contractors must maintain records to detail the significant history of procurement. These records include, but are not limited to: files on the rationale for selecting the method of procurement used, selection of the contract type, the contractor selection/rejection process, and the basis for the cost or price of a contract.
  - b. Pre-qualified lists of vendors/contractors, if used, must be current, developed through open solicitation, include adequate numbers of qualified sources, and must allow entry of other firms to qualify at any time.
  - c. Steps should be taken to assure that women and minority businesses are utilized when possible as the sources of supplies, equipment, construction and services.
  - d. Contractors must ensure that awards are not made to any party that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in the Federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549.
  - e. There must be written selection procedures for procurement transactions.
  - f. Contractors must not use *cost plus a percentage of cost* pricing for contracts. In addition, Contractors should use *time and material* type contracts only after a determination is made that no other contract type is suitable and the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk.
  - g. Contractors must have protest procedures in place to handle and resolve disputes relating to their procurement and in all instances report such disputes to the County.
  - h. There must be a documented system of contract administration for determining the consistency of contractor performance.

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- i. Contractors must have a written code of conduct governing employees, officers, or agents engaged in the award or administration of contracts.

### **5.2 Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)**

No contracts may be awarded to any party that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from participation on federal assistance programs. More information may be found at: <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

### **5.3 Dane County Sustainability Principles**

On October 18, 2012, the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution 103, 2012-2013 establishing the following sustainability principles for the county:

- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to dependence upon persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances;
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to encroachment upon nature and harm to life-sustaining ecosystems (e.g., land, water, wildlife, forest, soil, ecosystems); and
- Reduce and eventually eliminate Dane County government's contribution to conditions that undermine people's ability to meet their basic human needs.

### **5.4 Lobbying Certification**

Prior to entering into an agreement to provide services, the contractor will be required to sign a certification attesting to the following:

- No federally appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any federal contract, the making of any federal contract, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- If any funds other than federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

The contractor shall require that the language of this CERTIFICATION be included in the award documents for all sub-awards at all tiers (including subcontractors, sub-grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

### **5.5 Equal Opportunity Clause**



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During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

1. The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religion, sex or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the contracting officer setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. The contractor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.
3. The contractor will send to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice, to be provided by the agency contracting officer, advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under Section 202 of Executive Order 11246 of Sept. 24, 1965, and shall post copies of the notice in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment.
4. The contractor will comply with all provisions of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and with the rules, regulations, and relevant orders of the Secretary of Labor.
5. The contractor will furnish all information and reports required by Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, and by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Secretary of Labor, or pursuant thereto, and will permit access to his/her books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency, County of Dane, HUD, and the Secretary of Labor for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with such rules, regulations, and orders.
6. In the event of the contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clauses of this contract or with any of such rules, regulations, or orders, the contract may be cancelled, terminated, or suspended in whole or in part and the contract may be declared ineligible for further government contracts in accordance with procedures authorized in Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, and such other sanctions may be imposed or remedies invoked as provided in Executive Order No. 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, or by rule, regulation, or order of the Secretary of Labor, or as otherwise provided by law.

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The contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 7 in every subcontract or purchase order unless exempted by rules, regulations, or orders of the Secretary of Labor issued pursuant to section 204 of Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 as amended, so that such provisions will be binding upon each subcontract or vendor. The contractor will take such action with respect to any subcontract or purchase order as the contracting agency and/or County of Dane may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

### **5.6 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA)**

The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) and associated amendments requires that information on subawards related to Federal contracts, sub-contracts, grants, and sub-grants be made publicly available. Specifically, the Transparency Act's section 2(b)(1) requires the Office of Management and Budget to establish a publicly available website that contains the following information about each Federal award:

- Name of the entity receiving the award;
- Amount of the award;
- Information on the award including transaction type, funding agency, the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number, program source, descriptive award title;
- Location of the entity receiving the award and primary location of performance under the award including City, State, congressional district, and country;
- Unique identifier (Dun & Bradstreet DUNS Number) of the entity receiving the award and the parent recipient of the recipient, should the entity be owned by another entity; and
- Names and total compensation of the five most highly compensate officers of the entity, if the entity in the preceding fiscal year received 80% or more of its annual gross revenues in Federal awards; and \$25 million or more in annual gross revenues from Federal awards; and the public does not have access to this information about the compensation of the senior executives of the entity through periodic reports filed under section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or section 6104 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Vendors awarded funds will be required to provide this information prior to the issuance of a contract.

**6.0 Required Forms**

The following forms must be completed and submitted with the proposal in accordance with the instructions given in Section 2.0. These forms are a separate, fillable document attached to the RFP listing on danepurchasing.com.

**Attachment A      Vendor Information Form**

**Attachment B      Dane County Application for the 2021 Fair Housing  
Education and Outreach Services Funds**

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Request for Bids/Proposals/Contracts

Rev. 11/2019

1.0 **APPLICABILITY:** The terms and conditions set forth in this document apply to Requests for Proposals (RFP), Bids and all other transactions whereby the County of Dane acquires goods or services, or both.

1.1 **ENTIRE AGREEMENT:** These Standard Terms and Conditions shall apply to any contract, including any purchase order, awarded as a result of this request. Special requirements of a resulting contract may also apply. Said written contract with referenced parts and attachments shall constitute the entire agreement, and no other terms and conditions in any document, acceptance, or acknowledgment shall be effective or binding unless expressly agreed to in writing by the County. Unless otherwise stated in the agreement, these standard terms conditions supersede any other terms and/or conditions applicable to this agreement.

1.2 **DEFINITIONS:** As used herein, “vendor” includes a provider of goods or services, or both, who is responding to an RFP or a bid, and “bid” includes a response to either an RFP or a bid.

2.0 **SPECIFICATIONS:** The specifications herein are the minimum acceptable. When specific manufacturer and model numbers are used, they are to establish a design, type of construction, quality, functional capability or performance level, or any combination thereof, desired. When alternates are proposed, they must be identified by manufacturer, stock number, and such other information necessary to establish equivalency. Dane County shall be the sole judge of equivalency. Vendors are cautioned to avoid proposing alternates to the specifications that may result in rejection of their bid.

3.0 **DEVIATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS:** Deviations and exceptions from terms, conditions, or specifications shall be described fully in writing, signed, and attached to the bid. In the absence of such statement, the bid shall be accepted as in strict compliance with all terms, conditions, and specifications and vendor shall be held liable for injury resulting from any deviation.

4.0 **QUALITY:** Unless otherwise indicated in the request, all material shall be first quality. No pre-owned, obsolete, discontinued or defective materials may be used.

5.0 **QUANTITIES:** The quantities shown herein are based on estimated needs. The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to meet actual needs.

6.0 **DELIVERY:** Deliveries shall be FOB destination freight prepaid and included unless otherwise specified. County will reject shipments sent C.O.D. or freight collect.

7.0 **PRICING:** Unit prices shown on the bid shall be the price per unit of sale as stated on the request or contract. For

any given item, the quantity multiplied by the unit price shall establish the extended price, the unit price shall govern in the bid evaluation and contract administration.

7.1 Prices established in continuing agreements and term contracts may be lowered due to market conditions, but prices shall not be subject to increase for the term specified in the award. Vendor shall submit proposed increases to the Purchasing Division thirty (30) calendar days before the proposed effective date of the price increase. Proposed increases shall be limited to fully documented cost increases to the vendor that are demonstrated to be industry wide. Price increases may not be granted unless they are expressed in bid documents and contracts or agreements.

7.2 Submission of a bid constitutes bidder's certification that no financial or personal relationship exists between the bidder and any county official or employee except as specially set forth in writing attached to and made a part of the bid. The successful bidder shall disclose any such relationship which develops during the term of the contract.

8.0 **ACCEPTANCE-REJECTION:** Dane County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive any technicality in any bid submitted and to accept any part of a bid as deemed to be in the best interests of the County. Submission of a proposal or a bid constitutes the making of an offer to contract and gives the County an option valid for 60 days after the date of submission to the County.

8.1 Bids MUST be received in the electronic mailbox of the Dane County Purchasing Division on or before the date and time that the bid is specified as being due.

9.0 **METHOD OF AWARD:** Award shall be made to the lowest responsible responsive bidder conforming to specifications, terms, and conditions, or to the most advantageous bid submitted to the County on a quality versus price basis.

10.0 **ORDERING/ACCEPTANCE:** Written notice of award to a vendor in the form of a purchase order or other document, mailed or delivered to the address shown on the bid will be considered sufficient notice of acceptance of bid. A formal contract containing all provisions of the contract signed by both parties shall be used when required by the Dane County Purchasing Division.

11.0 **PAYMENT TERMS AND INVOICING:** Unless otherwise agreed, Dane County will pay properly submitted vendor invoices within thirty (30) days of receipt of goods and services. Payment will not be made until goods or services are delivered, installed (if required), and accepted as specified. Invoices presented for payment must be submitted in accordance with instructions contained on the purchase order.

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11.1 **NO WAIVER OF DEFAULT:** In no event shall the making of any payment or acceptance of any service or product required by this Agreement constitute or be construed as a waiver by County of any breach of the covenants of the Agreement or a waiver of any default of the successful vendor, and the making of any such payment or acceptance of any such service or product by County while any such default or breach shall exist shall in no way impair or prejudice the right of County with respect to recovery of damages or other remedy as a result of such breach or default.

12.0 **TAXES:** The County and its departments are exempt from payment of all federal tax and Wisconsin state and local taxes on its purchases except Wisconsin excise taxes as described below. The State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue has issued tax exempt number ES41279 to Dane County.

12.1 The County is required to pay the Wisconsin excise or occupation tax on its purchase of beer, liquor, wine, cigarettes, tobacco products, motor vehicle fuel and general aviation fuel. The County is exempt from Wisconsin sales or use tax on these purchases. The County may be subject to other states' taxes on its purchases in that state depending on the laws of that state. Vendors performing construction activities are required to pay state use tax on the cost of materials.

13.0 **GUARANTEED DELIVERY:** Failure of the vendor to adhere to delivery schedules as specified or to promptly replace rejected materials shall render the vendor liable for all costs in excess of the contract price when alternate procurement is necessary. Excess costs shall include administrative costs.

14.0 **APPLICABLE LAW AND VENUE:** This contract shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action between the parties shall be in Dane County Circuit Court. The vendor shall at all times comply with and observe all federal and state laws, local laws, ordinances, and regulations which are in effect during the period of this contract and which in any manner affect the work or its conduct.

15.0 **ASSIGNMENT:** No right or duty in whole or in part of the vendor under this contract may be assigned or delegated without the prior written consent of Dane County.

16.0 **NONDISCRIMINATION/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:** During the term of this Agreement the vendor agrees, in accordance with sec. 111.321, Wis. Stats., and Chapter 19 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, not to discriminate against any person, whether an applicant or recipient of services, an employee or applicant for employment, on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, religion, color, gender, disability, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin, cultural differences, ancestry, physical appearance, arrest record or conviction record, military participation or membership in the national guard, state defense force or any other reserve component of the military forces of the United States, or political beliefs. The vendor shall provide a harassment-free work environment. These provisions shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff, termination, training, including apprenticeships, rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

16.1 Vendors who have twenty (20) or more employees and a contract of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more must submit a written affirmative action plan to the County's Contract

Compliance Officer within fifteen (15) working days of the effective date of the contract. The County may elect to accept a copy of the current affirmative action plan filed with and approved by a federal, state or local government unit.

16.2 The vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available for employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this Agreement as they relate to affirmative action and nondiscrimination.

16.3 Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions may result in the vendor being debarred, termination of the contract and/or withholding of payment.

16.4 The vendor agrees to furnish all information and reports required by Dane County's Contract Compliance Officer as the same relate to affirmative action and nondiscrimination, which may include any books, records, or accounts deemed appropriate to determine compliance with Chapter 19, D.C. Ords. and the provisions of this Agreement.

16.5 **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** The vendor agrees to the requirements of the ADA, providing for physical and programmatic access to service delivery and treatment in all programs and activities.

17.0 **PATENT, COPYRIGHT AND TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT:** The vendor guarantees goods sold to the County were manufactured or produced in accordance with applicable federal labor laws, and that the sale or use of the articles described herein do not infringe any patent, copyright or trademark. The vendor covenants that it will, at its own expense, defend every suit which shall be brought against the County (provided that such vendor is promptly notified of such suit, and all papers therein are delivered to it) for any alleged infringement of any patent, copyright or trademark by reason of the sale or use of such articles, and agrees that it will pay all costs, damages, and profits recoverable in any such suit.

18.0 **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:** All materials, equipment, and supplies provided to the County must fully comply with all safety requirements as set forth by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and all applicable OSHA Standards.

18.1 **MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET:** If any item(s) on an order(s) resulting from this award(s) is a hazardous chemical, as defined under 29 CFR 1910.1200, provide one (1) copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet for each item with the shipped container(s) and one (1) copy with the invoice(s).

19.0 **WARRANTY:** Unless specifically expressed otherwise in writing, goods and equipment purchased as a result of this request shall be warranted against defects by the vendor for one (1) year from date of receipt. An equipment manufacturer's standard warranty shall apply as a minimum and must be honored by the vendor.

### 20.0 INDEMNIFICATION & INSURANCE.

20.1 Vendor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend County, its boards, commissions, agencies, officers, employees and representatives against any and all liability, loss (including, but not limited to, property damage, bodily injury and loss of life), damages, costs or expenses which County, its officers, employees, agencies, boards, commissions and representatives may sustain, incur or be required to pay by

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reason of vendor furnishing the services or goods required to be provided under this Agreement, provided, however, that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to liabilities, losses, charges, costs, or expenses caused by or resulting from the acts or omissions of County, its agencies, boards, commissions, officers, employees or representatives. The obligations of vendor under this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

20.2. In order to protect itself and County its officers, boards, commissions, agencies, agents, volunteers, employees and representatives under the indemnity provisions of the subparagraph above, vendor shall, at vendor's own expense, obtain and at all times during the term of this Agreement keep in full force and effect the insurance coverages, limits, and endorsements listed below. When obtaining required insurance under this Agreement and otherwise, vendor agrees to preserve County's subrogation rights in all such matters that may arise that are covered by vendor's insurance. Neither these requirements nor the County's review or acceptance of vendor's certificates of insurance is intended to limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by the vendor under this Agreement. The County expressly reserves the right to require higher or lower insurance limits where County deems necessary.

### 20.2.1. Commercial General Liability.

Vendor agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence. Coverage shall include, but not be limited to, Bodily Injury and Property Damage to Third Parties, Contractual Liability, Personal Injury and Advertising Injury Liability, Premises-Operations, Independent vendors and Subcontractors, and Fire Legal Liability. The policy shall not exclude Explosion, Collapse, and Underground Property Damage Liability Coverage. The policy shall list DANE COUNTY as an Additional Insured.

### 20.2.2. Commercial/Business Automobile Liability.

Vendor agrees to maintain Commercial/Business Automobile Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence. Vendor further agrees coverage shall include liability for Owned, Non-Owned & Hired automobiles. In the event vendor does not own automobiles, vendor agrees to maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

### 20.2.3. Environmental Impairment (Pollution) Liability

Vendor agrees to maintain Environmental Impairment (Pollution) Liability insurance at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury, property damage, and environmental cleanup costs caused by pollution conditions, both sudden and non-sudden. This requirement can be satisfied by either a separate environmental liability policy or through a modification to the Commercial General Liability policy. Evidence of either must be provided.

### 20.2.4. Workers' Compensation.

Vendor agrees to maintain Workers Compensation insurance at Wisconsin statutory limits.

### 20.2.5. Umbrella or Excess Liability.

Vendor may satisfy the minimum liability limits required above for Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability under an Umbrella or Excess Liability policy. There is no

minimum Per Occurrence limit of liability under the Umbrella or Excess Liability; however, the Annual Aggregate limit shall not be less than the highest "Each Occurrence" limit for the Commercial General Liability and Business Auto Liability. Vendor agrees to list DANE COUNTY as an "Additional Insured" on its Umbrella or Excess Liability policy.

20.3. Upon execution of this Agreement, vendor shall furnish County with a Certificate of Insurance listing County as an additional insured and, upon request, certified copies of the required insurance policies. If vendor's insurance is underwritten on a claims-made basis, the retroactive date shall be prior to or coincide with the date of this Agreement, the Certificate of Insurance shall state that professional malpractice or errors and omissions coverage, if the services being provided are professional services coverage is claims-made and indicate the retroactive date, vendor shall maintain coverage for the duration of this Agreement and for six (6) years following the completion of this Agreement. Vendor shall furnish County, annually on the policy renewal date, a Certificate of Insurance as evidence of coverage. It is further agreed that vendor shall furnish the County with a 30-day notice of aggregate erosion, in advance of the Retroactive Date, cancellation, or renewal. It is also agreed that on claims-made policies, either vendor or County may invoke the tail option on behalf of the other party and that the extended reporting period premium shall be paid by vendor. In the event any action, suit or other proceeding is brought against County upon any matter herein indemnified against, County shall give reasonable notice thereof to vendor and shall cooperate with vendor's attorneys in the defense of the action, suit or other proceeding. Vendor shall furnish evidence of adequate Worker's Compensation Insurance. In case of any sublet of work under this Agreement, vendor shall furnish evidence that each and every subcontractor has in force and effect insurance policies providing coverage identical to that required of vendor. In case of any sublet of work under this Agreement, vendor shall furnish evidence that each and every subcontractor has in force and effect insurance policies providing coverage identical to that required of vendor.

20.4. The parties do hereby expressly agree that County, acting at its sole option and through its Risk Manager, may waive any and all requirements contained in this Agreement, such waiver to be in writing only. Such waiver may include or be limited to a reduction in the amount of coverage required above. The extent of waiver shall be determined solely by County's Risk Manager taking into account the nature of the work and other factors relevant to County's exposure, if any, under this Agreement.

21.0 CANCELLATION: County reserves the right to terminate any Agreement due to non-appropriation of funds or failure of performance by the vendor. This paragraph shall not relieve County of its responsibility to pay for services or goods provided or furnished to County prior to the effective date of termination.

22.0 PUBLIC RECORDS ACCESS: It is the intention of the County to maintain an open and public process in the solicitation, submission, review, and approval of procurement activities. Bid openings are public unless otherwise specified. Records are not available for public inspection prior to issuance of the notice of intent to award or the award of the contract. Bid results may be obtained by visiting the Dane County Purchasing Office Monday – Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Prior appointment is advisable.

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22.1 PROPRIETARY INFORMATION: If the vendor asserts any of its books and records of its business practices and other matters collectively constitute a trade secret as that term is defined in s. 134.90(1)(c), Wis. Stats., County will not release such records to the public without first notifying the vendor of the request for the records and affording the vendor an opportunity to challenge in a court of competent jurisdiction the requester's right to access such records. The entire burden of maintaining and defending the trade secret designation shall be upon the vendor. The vendor acknowledges and agrees that if the vendor shall fail, in a timely manner, to initiate legal action to defend the trade secret designation or be unsuccessful in its defense of that designation, County shall be obligated to and will release the records.

22.2 Any material submitted by the vendor in response to this request that the vendor considers confidential and proprietary information and which vendor believes qualifies as a trade secret, as provided in section 19.36(5), Wis. Stats., must be identified on a designation of Confidential and Proprietary Information form. Pricing will not be held confidential after award of contract.

22.3 Data contained in a bid, all documentation provided therein, and innovations developed as a result of the contracted commodities or services cannot be copyrighted or patented. All data, documentation, and innovations shall be the property of the County.

23.0 RECYCLED MATERIALS: Dane County is required to purchase products incorporating recycled materials whenever technically and economically feasible. Vendors are encouraged to bid products with recycled content which meet specifications.

24.0 PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING: Reference to or use of Dane County, any of its departments or sub-units, or any county official or employee for commercial promotion is prohibited.

25.0 ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT: The vendor and the County of Dane recognize that in actual economic practice,

overcharges resulting from antitrust violation are in fact usually borne by the Purchaser. Therefore, the successful vendor hereby assigns to the County of Dane any and all claims for such overcharges as to goods, materials or services purchased in connection with this contract.

26.0 RECORDKEEPING AND RECORD RETENTION-COST REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS: Where payment to the vendor is based on the vendor's costs, vendor shall establish and maintain adequate records of all expenditures incurred under the contract. All records must be kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures. The County contracting agency shall have the right to audit, review, examine, copy, and transcribe any pertinent records or documents relating to any contract resulting from this bid/proposal held by the vendor. The vendor will retain all documents applicable to the contract for a period of not less than three (3) years after final payment is made.

27.03 COMPLIANCE WITH FAIR LABOR STANDARDS. During the term of this Agreement, vendor shall report to the Controller, within ten (10) days, any allegations to, or findings by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) or Wisconsin Employment Relations commission (WERC) that vendor has violated a statute or regulation regarding labor standards or relations within the seven years prior to entering this Agreement. If an investigation by the Controller results in a final determination that the matter adversely affects vendor's responsibilities under this Agreement, and which recommends termination, suspension or cancellation of this agreement, the County may take such action.

27.04 VENDOR may appeal any adverse finding by the Controller as set forth in sec. 25.08(20)(c) through (e).

27.05 VENDOR shall post the following statement in a prominent place visible to employees: "As a condition of receiving and maintaining a contract with Dane County, this employer shall comply with federal, state and all other applicable laws prohibiting retaliation for union organizing"