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**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CHILD CARE CENTER**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

**Action Requested:** Receive an oral report from the University on a request for proposal to identify a third party vendor which would build, own, and operate a child care facility on the land leased to the vendor on the University of Iowa Hawkeye Campus.

**Executive Summary:** The University of Iowa is considering issuing a request for proposal to identify a third party vendor to lease University land on the Hawkeye Campus and to build, own and operate a child care facility on the leased land. The request for proposal would be co-led by the University Business Office and the University Family Services Office.

Currently, the University utilizes a campus connected model for child care centers. The University partners with 14 licensed child care centers on or near campus to assist families with identifying child care that meets their needs. Thirteen of the child care centers are privately owned and operated and can serve the entire community. One of the 14 licensed child care centers, The University of Iowa Bright Horizons Child Care and Early Education Center, has a contractual relationship with The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC); and primarily serves faculty and staff in the UIHC. This Center is located in Westlawn Building.

In preparation for the request for proposal, a scan of the local licensed child care center market indicated a need for additional licensed child care center facilities, particularly for children ages 2 and under.

A land site study identified a favorable location for a child care center on the University Hawkeye Campus near University parking and CAMBUS. Two options for the site exist, one immediately to the north of the future University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Family Medicine Clinic and the other option directly south of the commuter parking lot.

