



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.
The vendor will provide health education and outreach along with screenings and treatment for communicable diseases to the vulnerable high-risk populations within the County including the LGBTQ+ community. These diseases include a focus on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Hepatitis C (HCV) and HIV.
2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.
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3. What is the total cost of the acquisition? If an agreement, state the total cost of the initial term and the amounts for potential renewal terms.
The total of this agreement is not to exceed \$1,500,000.
The term of the agreement is retroactive to October 1, 2024 and goes through June 30, 2027. With the potential for two extensions for one year each.
4. Identify the unique qualities and/or capabilities of the service(s) and/or product(s) that qualify this as a Suspension of Competition acquisition.
The Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission is a trusted partner in the community with a Health Services Program that has a fully functional health clinic which does Pop Up Health Events at local colleges and other locations throughout the County. EOC operates an LGBTQ+ center that provides specialized resources and services to the population, in addition EOC operates an STD clinic that serves the high risk population.
5. Identify from Administrative Policy #34 what circumstances constitute a Suspension of Competition.
☐ In an emergency when goods or services are immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, welfare, or safety, or for the protection of County property.
☐ When the contract is with a federal, state, or local governmental agency.
☐ When the department head, with the concurrence of the Purchasing Agent, finds that the cost of preparing and administering a competitive bidding process in a particular case will equal or exceed the estimated contract amount or \$5,000 whichever is more.
☐ When a contract provides only for payment of per diem and travel expenses and there is to be no payment for services rendered.
☐ When obtaining the services of expert witnesses for litigation or special counsel to assist the County.
☒ When in unusual or extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Supervisors or the Purchasing Agent/Purchasing Manager determines that the best interests of the County would be served by not securing competitive bids or issuing a request for proposal.
6. Explain why the unique qualities and/or capabilities described above are essential to your department.
EOC has an advantage over other medical providers due to operating the LGBTQ+ Resource Center which provides outreach and services to members of the LGBTQ+ community. This puts them in a unique and immediate position to serve the high-risk population immediately. The EOC Health Services clinic is also the primary care facility for many individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable or high risk. This makes the agency a well-known and trusted entity in the community through their previous and current efforts on outreach, health education, screening, and treatment. The County continues to see high numbers of STD's, HIV, and HCV particularly in high-risk populations like the LGBTQ+ community and needs a trusted partner to provide these types of services.
7. Provide a comprehensive explanation of the research done to verify that the recommended vendor is the only vendor with the unique qualities and/or capabilities stated above. Include a list of all other vendors contacted, what they were asked, and their responses.
Partners that provide the types of services needed for communicable disease prevention in high-risk populations is limiting. After researching, Planned Parenthood does not provide mobile services, and other Community Based Organizations the Department is or has partnered with like Insure America Project only provide outreach and health education but not screening and treatment. Focused communicable disease outreach, education, screening, and treatment to the high-risk vulnerable populations is needed to control the potential spread of STDs within the County, with a larger focus on the LGBTQ+ community. EOC has a long-standing relationship with the LGBTQ+ community and others through their Resource Center and Health Services clinic which makes them the only vendor able to fulfill all these services at once to the community.

Requested By:

Title

I approve this request to suspend competition for the service(s) and/or product(s) identified herein.

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Department Head Signature

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