



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.

The County of Fresno, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has executed a Master Agreement (A-22-230) with various licensed residential care facilities that are able to provide Specialized Supplemental Board and Care Home Services, pursuant to Welfare Institutions Code (WIC) and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22. DBH is attempting to add Ever Well Health Systems, LLC onto the executed Master Agreement.
2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.

Ever Well Health Systems, LLC.
310 James Way, Suite 250,
Pismo Beach, CA, 93449
Phone: (805) 242-0135
Madison Fetyko: (805) 242-0004; mfetyko@everwellhealth.org
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.

Contract Maximum - \$54,000,000
FY 2022-2023: \$10,800,000
FY 2023-2024: \$10,800,000
FY 2024-2025: \$10,800,000
FY 2025-2026: \$10,800,000
FY 2026-2027: \$10,800,000
The acquisition will not result in an increase in Net County Cost,
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 providers on this Master Agreement are required to be licensed through the Community Care Licensing (CCL) Division of California Department of Social Services and are required to provide services in accordance with California Welfare Institutions Code, Section 5801. Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health contracts with all licensed residential care facility providers in the County that meet this criteria and are seeking a contractual agreement.

Ever Well Health Systems, LLC operates multiple facilities throughout California. This provider is currently contracted through the Specialized Residential Master Agreement (A-23-283), but due to the nature of their organization and licensing, the Department has made the determination to move said provider to the Specialized Supplemental Board and Care Agreement. Adding this provider to this Agreement will ensure services are not interrupted for the persons served currently placed at these facilities while ensuring a more appropriate alignment of contractual terms for the classification of this provider's facilities.
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.

This Master Agreement allows for the acquisition of Specialized Supplemental Board and Care Providers who serve conserved persons while reducing the cost associated with unnecessary higher levels of care. These services are a step down from locked/higher levels of care, and allow DBH to continue to place conserved persons served with experienced providers in an environment that is less restrictive, while also allowing for appropriate residential and mental health treatment. It is essential for DBH to maintain an adequate network of providers/beds to ensure appropriate placement of the persons served in licensed Board and Care facilities.

Approval of this addition will ensure the provider network is not impacted by the removal of Ever Well Health Systems, LLC from the Specialized Residential Master Agreement upon the expiration of said agreement on June 30, 2025.

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.

Throughout the history of this Agreement, DBH has continually attempted to identify qualified providers to engage in this Master Agreement. Fresno County DBH maintains this Master Agreement for Specialized Supplemental Board and Care Home facilities in order to add any qualified providers during the contract term through an onboarding process to expand the service network for the services mentioned above.

As previously stated, Ever Well Health Systems, LLC is currently contracted with the Department through the Specialized Residential Master Agreement. Upon extensive review of Agreement(s) to ensure appropriate language and requirements, the Department has determined the need to move Ever Well Health Systems, LLC to Master Agreement A-22-230. By doing so, the Department will not limit the established provider network while simultaneously ensuring the appropriate allocation of the provider to the Agreement with the necessary terms and requirements for this provider and service type.

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Requested By:

Division Manager

Title

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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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Purchasing Manager Signature

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