



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.
 Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (FCSS) for prevention and early intervention services at various school districts and schools within Fresno County, effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024 via a grant secured through a competitive grant opportunity from the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC).
2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.
 Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
 1111 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno CA, 93712
 Jim Yovino, Superintendent of Schools, jyovino@fcoe.org
 559-265-3010
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.
 FY 2020-21 \$861,845; FY 2021-22 \$2,751,845; FY 2022-23 \$1,174,982; FY 2023-24 \$1,211,328:
 Total 4 year = \$6,000,000. Actual costs will be determined by actual services performed.
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.
 DBH and FCSS applied for and were awarded this competitive grant to supplement the current partnership services via County Agreement No. 18-308, which provides specialty mental health treatment and prevention and early intervention services to youths and families in Fresno County. The Wellness Centers will be a platform to educate and engage youths and families to welcome mental health services and participate in preventive measures to minimize earlier onset of mental health symptoms. As the local education agency, FCSS acts as the umbrella agency for other school districts and schools in Fresno County to receive these needed services.
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 \$2,500 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.
 Fresno County DBH is currently collaborating with FCSS to provide integrated mental health and support services to all students (0-22 years of age) and families in Fresno County, known as the "All 4 Youth" Program. These services are essential to provide for the expansion of adequate and timely access to behavioral health services for our unserved and/or underserved youths and families. The Wellness Centers are essential to the current All 4 Youth services, as they will educate and train families and school staff to identify mental health symptoms. Families and school staff are still facing stigma around mental health and are reluctant to accept or recommend mental health interventions. Continuing education and advocacy is needed to remove cultural and community barriers.
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.
 As the current contracted provider for the All 4 Youth program, and awarded partner in the competitive grant application, FCSS is the sole, unique vendor to provide the proposed services. Also, FCSS acts as the umbrella governmental agency encompassing many of the school districts, charter schools, and schools within Fresno County. They have the advantage to coordinate care with all schools districts county-wide. FCSS also has the advantage of being an educational agency who has already undertaken the licensing and certification processes of an organizational specialty mental health provider in accordance with DBH's Managed Care Mental Health Plan (MHP), as a medi-cal provider.

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Requested By:

Staff Analyst

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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