



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

The County and the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is in need of psychiatry services. The current labor force in Fresno County cannot serve the growing needs of its community. DBH requires the assistance from psychiatric residents and their specialized skills to meet the state's network adequacy requirements.

Network Adequacy: California counties providing Behavioral Health treatment services to persons served that are entitled to Medi-Cal are required, pursuant to 42 CFR 438.68, to ensure that services are available and accessible to all persons meeting medical necessity for those services. Counties must also ensure that services are delivered in a timely manner and within set distance standards from their residence. Counties are required to develop and enforce network adequacy standards and are required to have an adequate network of service providers to provide services based on State established anticipated Medi-Cal enrollment and expected utilization of services. Counties report this information to the State monthly and must complete a Corrective Action Plan if the network adequacy falls below state anticipated enrollment and utilization.

2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.

Regents of the University of California, on behalf of University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine, Fresno Medical Education Program

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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.

Total Agreement Cost: \$1,637,502.00

Initial Term Total: \$934,233.00

FY 25-26: \$296,347.00

FY 26-27: \$311,164.00

FY 27-28: \$326,722.00

Renewal Terms: \$703,269.00

FY 28-29: \$343,058.00

FY 29-30: \$360,211.00

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.

UCSF is the only accredited University in Fresno County that is eligible to provide psychiatric residents to the Department.

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 Agreement will allow psychiatric residents to provide psychiatric services to DBH persons served. The County will only pay for actual hours worked. These services are vital to ensure adequate levels of psychiatric services are available for DBH persons served. The Department has faced shortages in staffing psychiatrists and assistance from psychiatric residents will help to fill the gap in psychiatric services needed. In addition to receiving psychiatric services, the goal of the Department is to recruit and retain these psychiatric residents for services within Fresno County.

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.

According to the List of Psychiatry Residency Programs in California found at

<https://www.residencyprogramslist.com/psychiatry-in-california>, there is only one psychiatry residency program in the Fresno County area, which is University of California San Francisco, Fresno Program (as of November 2024). The UCSF Fresno Medical Education Program has provided psychiatry residents to Fresno County since October 11, 2011 and is currently meeting the needs of the DBH. There are no other vendors locally that could provide psychiatry residents to DBH for psychiatric services offered at the DBH Metro Clinic. The current residents provide 200-300 hours of services monthly in-person at the DBH Metro Clinic, so it would be detrimental to DBH persons served to have residents from Southern/Northern California psychiatry programs commute to Fresno to provide time-sensitive psychiatric services. Also, psychiatry programs are very limited in the amount of residents they have per year. For example, Community Memorial Health System Psychiatry Residency Program in Ventura only has four residents per year and work in collaboration with faculty at Ventura County Medical Center and Ventura County Behavioral Health. The UCSF Fresno Psychiatry Residency Program has six resident positions per year and currently all six residents provide services to DBH persons served.

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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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