



## Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.  
California Farmworker Foundation (CFF), aka Central Valley Farmworker Foundation, has been providing COVID-19 health education, COVID-19 vaccination and testing, and health access services to the Fresno County agricultural community since December 18, 2020 through PO M02-0000020777. CFF's COVID-19 services were continued through PO M04-0000021370. The PO M04-0000021370 expired on June 30, 2022. The proposal will allow reimbursement to CFF for May 2022 and June 2022 services and continue the partnership in providing COVID-19 services through December 31, 2022.
  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 compensation for the 8-month term from May 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 is \$171,176.50.
  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.  
CFF has demonstrated its ability to be an excellent partner for Fresno County through the services that have been provided under PO M02-0000020777 and M04-0000021370. CFF has helped distribute COVID-19 testing supplies and helped test thousands of farmworkers at the worksite and at community events throughout Fresno County.  
CFF uses its experience providing direct services to farmworkers since 2016 and has collaborated with 40 agricultural employers and farm labor contractors to enhance its efforts for the County. COVID-19 had a disproportionate effect among Latinos throughout the State of California. In the Central Valley, communities where farmworkers live, according to zip code analysis of COVID-19, cases are still of great concern. COVID-19 variants continue to emerge, which continues the need for health education, awareness, testing and vaccines at farmworker worksites and rural communities. Continued use of CFF through December 31, 2023 will build on successes already achieved and utilize well established connections between CFF and the population they serve, assisting in preventing another COVID-19 outbreak, which would threaten the lives of those who maintain the food supply.
  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.  
CFF has partnered with Fresno County since December 18, 2020 and has proven their worth in assisting the agricultural community with access to COVID-19 resources. Over the past 17 months, CFF has directly reached more than 67,000 farmworkers and conducted over 8,825 COVID-19 tests. CFF has also helped to distribute more than 12,525 COVID-19 supplies, 17,913 educational materials, and 9,215 food distribution to Fresno County agricultural farmworkers.
  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.
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Prior to issuing PO M02-00002077, members of FCDPH's agricultural team met with approximately 15 agricultural employers throughout Fresno County and asked what community-based organization (CBO) focused on helping farmworkers they would allow to enter their agriculture facilities and provide education on COVID-19, COVID-19 testing, and vaccines to their employees. The agricultural employers' responses was a strong recommendation to work with CFF. Many employers stated they have worked with CFF in the past and trusted them to deliver culturally and linguistically sensitive health and education services to their employees. Due to the strong relationship CFF has with Fresno County's agricultural community, FCDPH would like to continue working alongside CFF.

CFF has been an excellent partner with Fresno County over the past 17 months. Due to the positive impact CFF has had assisting FCDPH over the past 17 months, FCDPH has determined that it is in the County's best interest to continue contracting with CFF to continue the provision of COVID-19 services through December 31, 2022 rather than solicit other potential CBOs for these services.

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Requested By:

Assistant Director

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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