



## Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

Fresno County DBH has been approved by the California Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to move forward with a pilot project that provide rapid response to children who have experienced trauma or a life changing event and link them to resources and services through screenings and assessments. Timely/real time response is needed for this project to be successful. The Fresno Police Chaplaincy has developed a technology app that tracks services calls that included children and possible life changing incidents, fire, shootings, domestic violence, child abuse, arrest of a parent/someone in the home, etc. This information will be used each day to activate the triage team who will respond to the school and family to address trauma. As the Fresno Police Chaplain are the only one with this information and resource in Fresno that can be accessed in Realtime, they are a vital partner in this pilot.

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 entire pilot is slated \$1,527,000 over three years. The desired vendor, the Fresno Police Chaplaincy, would have a maximum budget of \$556,184 over the three year term of this innovations project. The individual fiscal year amounts are still being negotiated. Other remaining funds are used by the county for administration, an evaluator vendor, and the other project partner. This project is for three years, if the pilot is to continue after three years, the funding would change and a different funding structure would need to be identified.

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 Police Chaplaincy has developed the technology to allow for real-time tracking and identifying of cases/persons that would be served by this project. The Chaplaincy has the technology and has already implemented it with the Fresno Police Department. Identifying these calls in Fresno that involved life changing events for children is the cornerstone of this pilot and only the Chaplaincy has the resource. The Chaplaincy already deploys staff to the homes for follow ups, and also have the physical space where services are provided to families and victims.

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.

The app use by Fresno PD to track, and identify cases that involve trauma and/or life changing events has been developed by the Chaplaincy and implemented with Fresno PD. This data is not an open system, and the technology is proprietary, thus to get the necessary data in a timely manner to deploy a rapid response to the children and families, this technology is needed, and this the Chaplaincy has been identified as a key partner in this project. This system is able to screen the 9-1-1 calls in Fresno responded to by Fresno PD that involved children and trauma.

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.

The project is targeting incidents reported by calls to police and students in the city of Fresno for a rapid response team to address trauma. This is a pilot project. The calls for such service are responded to by just Fresno Police Department (PD), and the Fresno Police Chaplaincy (as non-profit organization) has developed the app to track and screen the calls and has operationalized the use of the said app with Fresno PD. Only the Chaplaincy has this technology for real-time identification and response. Without this partnership, the project would have to review calls and/or wait for data from Fresno PD which could take several days or longer, which would hinder the projects ability to assess the benefits and impact of a rapid response. As such, the Chaplaincy is a natural partner for this project in the city of Fresno. If the program is replicated elsewhere, other partners would need to be identified, as this is limited only to the city of Fresno.

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Requested By:

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

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