



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is requesting to execute a new Agreement with Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC) in order to provide oversight and care coordination for DBH persons served placed at the CVRC facility (Sanger Place), effective for a three-year term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, with two, one-year optional extensions. Through the Agreement, CVRC will reimburse DBH for a .25 FTE clinician to offer oversight and coordination with Sanger Place to ensure that placements are clinically appropriate for mental health services.

CVRC is one of 21 private nonprofit regional centers in the State of California on contract with California's Department of Developmental Services (DDS). CVRC entered into an agreement with Telecare Corp. to operate Sanger Place, a mental health rehabilitation center (MHRC) which provides 24-hour sub-acute inpatient integrated services specifically designed to support persons served who have a diagnosis of serious mental illnesses and co-occurring intellectual or developmental disabilities. These beds are used exclusively by Kern Regional Center, Inc. (KRC), Tri-Counties Regional Center, Inc. (TCRC), and Central Valley Regional Center, Inc. (CVRC). Additionally, as DBH is responsible for the care of persons served with severe mental illness, DBH has a current MOU with CVRC that outlines each agency's responsibilities in coordinating care for County persons served. DBH does not have a contract directly with Telecare Corp.

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

Central Valley Regional Center
4615 N. Marty Ave Fresno, CA 93722

Contact Information:

Mathew Bahr, Executive Director, (559) 276-4300, mbahr@cvrc.org

Aaron Olson, M.S., Director of Community Services, (559) 276-4359, aolson@cvrc.org

Service Delivery Site:

Sanger Place
2511 Jensen Ave Sanger, CA 93657

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: \$277,866.20

FY 2026-2027: \$55,573.24

FY 2027-2028: \$55,573.24

FY 2028-2029: \$55,573.24

FY 2029-2030 (optional): \$55,573.24

FY 2030-2031 (optional): \$55,573.24

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.

Sanger Place is one of two MHRCs in California specifically designed to provide integrated services to support persons served who have a diagnosis of serious mental illnesses and co-occurring intellectual or developmental disabilities. The other facility, Redwood Place, is located in Castro Valley, CA, Alameda County.

CVRC holds the Agreement with Telecare for Sanger Place (DBH is not contracted directly with the MHRC); the Agreement being requested here serves to provide oversight by DBH to CVRC. DBH must contract with the entity that holds the Agreement with the MHRC in order to provide oversight.

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.

DBH is responsible for the mental health services provided to all Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including those placed at Sanger Place. Without the oversight and care coordination provided by the proposed Agreement, the program may face increased challenges finding appropriate placement for persons with dual diagnoses that may result in increased hospitalizations, crises, law enforcement interventions, and other significant issues negatively affecting the person served as our programs are not equipped, staffed, or trained to handle this high needs population.

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.

DBH is not contracted directly with the MHRC, as CVRC is responsible for placement of persons served in the requested level of care. CVRC is contracted directly with Telecare for the Sanger Place program. The Agreement being requested here serves to provide oversight and care coordination by DBH to CVRC. DBH must contract with the entity that holds the Agreement with the MHRC in order to provide needed oversight at the program location.

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Requested By:

Licensed 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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