



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

The County of Fresno, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has a Master Agreement with individual and group providers to provide outpatient specialty mental health services for persons eligible for Medi-Cal. Covered services under this agreement include, but are not limited to: rehabilitative services, including mental health services, and medication, targeted case management, psychiatric services, psychologist services, early and periodic screening diagnosis and treatment (EPSDT) supplemental specialty mental health services.

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

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 25-26: \$9,000,000, FY 26-27 \$9,000,000, FY 27-28: \$9,000,000, FY 28-29: \$9,000,000, FY 29-30 \$9,000,000;
Total cost of five-year term: \$45,000,000

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.

All providers on this agreement must complete the Department credentialing process, site certification and specific training prior to rendering services. Individual and Group providers must be a licensed or license-eligible clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, professional clinical counselors, 104 Nurse Practitioners, psychiatrists, and psychologists. Providers must be familiar with or have experience with rendering Medi-Cal outpatient specialty mental health services in accordance with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requirements. The Department is responsible for maintaining an adequate network of providers to render specialty mental health services for persons eligible for Medi-Cal. These providers are essential to ensure that we have a sufficient number of practioners available for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

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

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.

The Department is responsible for the treatment of persons who meet criteria for medically necessary outpatient specialty mental health services and maintaining an adequate network of providers to meet DHCS requirements. These providers will help us ensure that DHCS access requirements are met so that persons can receive appropriate care in a timely manner. These providers have experience serving Medi-Cal persons and have program capacity to serve our beneficiaries. The providers being added to the Master Agreement are currently serving our persons; discontinuing services for a prolonged period of time may be disruptive to their ongoing treatment and result in negative outcomes or loss in their quality of life.

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 providers being added to this agreement through this suspension of competition listed on the attached Exhibit A are current vendors who are serving our persons served. These providers submitted responses to our department informing us of their desire and intent to continue services and treatment for our persons. The providers were asked to submit responses to the requirements listed in RFSQ #25-085 issued to procure these services. Fresno Pacific University and Khalsa Foundation also submitted responses to join our agreement to render these services and will be added to the agreement once they complete the site certification and credentialing process.

Throughout the history of this Agreement, the Department has continually attempted to identify qualified providers to engage in this Master Agreement. The Department maintains this Master Agreement for Individual and Group Providers in order to add any qualified providers during the contract term through an onboarding process to expand the service network for the services mentioned above.

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Requested By:

Senior 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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Exhibit A – List of Contractors

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