



Sole Source Acquisition Request

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

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is seeking a local Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) Agency to provide child care navigator services to families eligible for the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children (Bridge Program) as well as trauma-informed training and coaching to child care providers. The child care navigator will work with relative resource parents of children involved in the Child Welfare System to obtain appropriate child care and assist with developing a plan for long-term child care based on the family's unique needs. Trauma-informed training and coaching will be provided to child care providers to assist them in better meeting the needs of children in foster care.

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 cost of the acquisition (child care navigator and training components) is \$2,887,536 over the initial term of the agreement, and \$1,443,768 over each one (1) year potential renewal term. The initial term of the agreement for these services will be effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 and will include three (3) optional one (1) year renewals.

4. Identify the unique qualities and/or capabilities of the service(s) and/or product(s) that qualify this as a sole source acquisition.

As a requirement for DSS to participate in the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) requires DSS to contract with the county's local State-designated R&R for the provision of the solicited services. The R&R for Fresno County is Central Valley Children's Services Network (CVCSN), and as such, they are the sole vendor that can provide the child care navigator services and trauma-informed training and coaching components of the Bridge program.

5. Explain why the unique qualities and/or capabilities described above are essential to your department.

Lack of access to child care is a significant barrier to the placement of foster children. Participation in the Bridge program has and will expand foster care placement opportunities for children placed into protective custody, through the provision of a time-limited child care voucher payment to the child care provider. Trauma-informed training and coaching will assist child care providers in understanding the trauma that foster children may face, and how better to support their unique needs.

6. Provide a comprehensive explanation of the research done to verify that there is only a sole vendor that is capable of providing the required service(s) and/or product(s). Include a list of all other vendors contacted with regard to providing the requested product(s) and/or service(s) and indicate their response.

CVCSN is the only State-designated R&R agency in Fresno County and therefore the only vendor capable of providing the requested services/components of the Bridge program. As CDSS specifically requires contracting with the local R&R, there are no other vendors eligible to provide these services in Fresno County.

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I approve this request to sole source for the service(s) and/or product(s) identified herein.

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