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Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.
Agreement with Fresno County Superintendent Of Schools (FCSS) for mental health treatment and early intervention services at various school districts and schools in Fresno County, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, with options for two additional one (1) year renewal periods.
2. Identify the selected vendor and contact person; include the address, phone number and e-mail address for each.
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michele Cartwell-Copher
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Fresno, CA 93721
559-265-3010
mcopher@fcoe.org
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 - \$150,000,000
FY 2025-2026 \$30,000,000
FY 2026-2027 \$30,000,000
FY 2027-2028 \$30,000,000
FY 2028-2029 \$30,000,000
FY 2029-2030 \$30,000,000
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.
FCSS is a government agency that acts as an umbrella government agency encompassing many of the school districts and schools within Fresno County. To be able to provide these services most effectively to youth it is essential to partner with this government agency to bring services into the schools. There is no other entity that DBH can contract with to provide the same coverage. This agreement allows DBH to reach a higher volume of youth in need of services and allows DBH to meet network adequacy time and distance standards.
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 unique collaboration between the Department of Behavioral Health and FCSS for the innovative expansion of integrated school based mental health programs and services allows participating schools to serve youth and families in a strength based model and extends services to youth currently not being served. These services are essential to provide for the expansion of adequate and timely access to behavioral health services at all school sites with mental health professionals located on site at the various schools.
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.
FCSS is the only government agency that encompasses many of the school districts and schools within Fresno County. There are no other vendors of this type in Fresno County for DBH to contract with for these services.

Requested By:

Title

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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rblackburn 2/3/2025 3:48:00 PM
Purchasing Manager Signature

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