



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

The requested services are specialized clinical psychological counseling services for adults in custody or on probation by doctoral candidate interns under the supervision of a clinical supervisor (PH D). The goal of the services is to reduce recidivism by targeting behaviors that lead to or continue criminal behavior. The services will be developed around the identified and assessed needs of the offender and with the direction of a probation officer or case manager at the jail. Services include intake assessment; individual and group counseling and treatment.

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 three year agreement cost is \$420,000 The annual maximum is \$140,000.

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.

This program, as approved by the CCP, includes using doctoral candidate interns to provide the services recommended in this Agreement. SERI is the only accredited clinical psychology doctoral program in the Fresno area that provides clinical supervision of PhD or doctoral candidate interns. The interns are required to complete mandatory clinical hours in order to be certified as psychologists. The interns will be providing the services at no costs.

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 \$1,000 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.

AB 109 realignment requires the implementation of Evidence Based Practices (EBP) to support offender programming in each county in California. Counseling and cognitive behavioral therapy have been identified as EBP practices known to reduce recidivism in offending populations. The SERI has the types of services and programs as identified as ESB and can immediately begin the programming component as funded by the CCP.

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 Probation Department has completed a search for clinical psychology programs in the Fresno area including propriatry and public college and university systems. A web-based search was completed and local universities were reviewed and found that the services needed were not offered. SERI is the only agency providing doctoral program that provides clinical supervision of PHD or doctoral candidate.

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Requested By:

Probation Admin
Director

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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Purchasing Manager Signature

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