



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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1. Fully describe the product(s) and/or service(s) being requested.
Stipends for up to fifteen (15) primary care practitioners (physicians and/or nurse practitioners) for the University of California, Irvine Train New Trainers Primary Care Psychiatry Fellowship (TNT-PCP).
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.
\$232,500 one time stipend award
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.
UC Irvine provides the clinical education certificate program for primary care practitioners (e.g. internal medicine, family medicine, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, psychiatric nursing, emergency medicine and neurology) who wish to receive advanced training in "primary care psychiatry". Primary care psychiatry is targeted to the most frequently encountered mental health related disorders and treatments found in the primary care setting.
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 \$2,500 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 primary goal of the UC Irvine TNT-PCP Fellowship is to provide mentorship and training in the area of primary care psychiatry. Trainees will learn how to complete an evidence-based and efficient psychiatric interview in the busy primary care or medical setting. They will also be trained to effectively diagnose and treat commonly encountered psychiatric conditions such as: mood, anxiety, psychotic and substance misuse disorders. Most importantly, these trainees will learn how to teach these principles to their primary care colleagues. Furthermore, outcomes will support the core MHSA values including expanding services in underserved communities, integrating primary care and behavioral health, and providing behavioral health services in non-stigmatizing venues.
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.
Upon reviewing the websites of several other programs, it has been determined that the UC Irvine TNT-PCP primary care psychiatry fellowship remains the only one of its kind. A list provided by the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry indicated that out-of-state institutions including the University of Minnesota, Columbia University and the University of Washington have psychiatry fellowships but there is no other program in which fellows learn how to train new trainers in the newly learned material. Additionally, UC Irvine TNT-PCP is the only fellowship to offer this type of instruction remotely.

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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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