



# Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

The Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is requesting to execute a Master Service Agreement for Transitional Social Rehabilitation Program (TSRP) services, effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 (3-1-1) with licensed facilities that are certified to provide residential TSRP services to DBH persons served. The Master Service Agreement designation would allow the Department to consider all qualifying providers as potential additions to this agreement to allow for optimal placements for all persons served in need of such level of care. The Department will ensure appropriate review of all providers before requesting their addition to the agreement. This Master Agreement has previously been approved as A-10-450, A-15-316, A-20-189, and superseded to the current A-23-286.

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

Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc.  
520 Capitol Mall, Suite 800, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Elena Mashkevich; elena.mashkevich@cbhi.net; (916)764-5310

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 contract maximum and breakdown per fiscal year is currently pending.

Contract Maximum - \$15,000,000

FY 2025-2026: \$3,000,000

FY 2026-2027: \$3,000,000

FY 2027-2028: \$3,000,000

FY 2028-2029: \$3,000,000

FY 2029-2030: \$3,000,000

The acquisition will not result in an increase in Net County Cost.

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.

Contracted providers on this agreement are licensed to provide placement and specialized residential mental health services for seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) adults with severe and persistent mental health conditions. Such providers will maintain certification as a Transitional Social Rehabilitation Program. The Department of Health Care Services retains a list of licensed facilities. DBH will contract with any licensed, certified facility that is reviewed and is determined to meet the needs of the Conservator Team.

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.

TSRP facilities provide a less restrictive level of care to persistent and severely mentally ill adult mental health persons served. TSRP facilities provide services designed to minimize the risk of person served hospitalizations and provide enhanced services to assist persons served with developing independent living skills to promote movement toward a less structured setting. Due to the challenges of finding appropriate placements for persons served, a master agreement is critical to ensure persons served are placed at the appropriate level of care while maintaining the opportunity to add other qualified providers as they are reviewed and determined to meet the needs of the population.

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.

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The County is required by Welfare Institution Code (WIC), Section 500 et seq. and California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 72001, et seq. to provide placement and specialized residential mental services for seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) adults with severe and persistent mental health conditions. The Department of Behavioral Health Recovery with Inspiration, Support, and Empowerment (RISE) Conservatorship and Community Conservatorship teams are constantly seeking additional placement facilities for County persons served in need of such placements.

DBH has residents who are designated to be placed at or are being discharged from locked facilities including but not limited to State Mental Health hospitals, Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) and locked Mental Health Resource Centers (MHRC), who require placement in less structured setting designed to promote independent living skills. The Welfare and Institutions Code, section 5458(c) describes the Transitional Social Rehabilitation Program (TSRP) as a program of services provided to persons who may be expected to move towards a more independent living situation. Crestwood Behavioral Health, Inc. has consistently been the sole local provider offering TSRP services and has been in contract with the County of Fresno for multiple agreements/years. With a sister MHRC facility in Kingsburg, the inclusion of this service allows for a facilitated transition from more intensive levels of care into this more transitional level of care as the person served strengthens their independent living skills. The inclusion of the Bakersfield campus on this Agreement provides the County with additional beds at a relatively close distance should the 15-bed Fresno facility be fully occupied while ensuring a consistent quality of care. For desired outcomes for persons served, the Department wants to keep persons closer to their families to assist in their recovery.

California Department of Health Care Services publishes a listing of all Community Residential Treatment System (CRTS) / Social Rehabilitation Programs (SRP) in the state of California. DBH has verified the only program listed under Fresno County continues to be Crestwood Bridge – Fresno. The inclusion of their sister facility in Bakersfield is included in this Agreement as a safeguard if for any reason the beds are filled at the Fresno facility. More vendors can always be added throughout the term following the review and approval of our clinical counterparts but would require looking outside of Fresno County. Neighboring counties such as Kings, Madera, and Tulare do not have a certified program located within their county. Placing persons served in facilities outside of the Central Valley may create a challenge for the families of the persons served to visit them and support them along the course of their treatment. Persons served in this treatment modality are in high need of keeping their support systems as close as possible to aid in their recovery.

Approval of this Suspension will allow the Department to enter into a Master Agreement for Transitional Social Rehabilitation Program services with this provider while allowing for future additions of other licensed, credentialed providers should they arise.

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Requested By:

Division Manager

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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