



Suspension of Competition Acquisition Request

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

The County of Fresno, Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) has a master agreement Recovery Residence (RR) and Prenatal Recovery Residence that is available to adult females, adult males, and adult pregnant and parenting females who are concurrently enrolled in a County-contracted Outpatient SUD treatment program or receiving medically necessary SUD recovery services.

Contracted RR vendors offer quality alcohol and drug-free housing. RRs are a supportive service to the substance use disorder (SUD) treatment continuum; therefore, vendors that offer RR must be flexible with partnering and coordinating with treatment providers and other services which are part of the SUD treatment continuum.

Currently there are two vendors, Mental Health Systems (Turn Behavioral Health) and WestCare. Turn Behavioral Health has two programs: single women (14 beds), and perinatal (8 units). WestCare has two programs: single men (up to 35 beds) and single women (15 beds). Length of stay in a recovery residence is between 1 and 365 days.

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.

FY 2025-26 \$1,370,135
FY 2026-27 \$1,418,196
FY 2027-28 \$1,456,366
FY 2028-29 (Optional) \$1,495,455
FY 2029-30 (Optional) \$1,535,437
Total Maximum Compensation for 5 year term: \$7,275,589

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.

Individuals leaving residential programs have only 30, 60, or 90 days to reach sobriety. Most are released after 30 days and have only a toxic environment to return to. Returning to these environments increases the chance that the individual will come into contact with the substance they are recovering from, which increases the likelihood that they will relapse.

RR and Perinatal RR are essential programs that provide safe sober living housing options to Fresno County adults who are receiving treatment from Outpatient SUD treatment programs. These residences help persons served by providing a higher level of support in maintaining their sobriety.

Perinatal RR was added to the master agreement in August 2023. This new program allows recovering parents to bring their family with them to sober living. Studies have shown parents who have their children with them during treatment and recovery are more successful in maintaining their sobriety.

DBH will contract with any available vendor in the Fresno County area that meet the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR) levels of support and maintain a facility that meets the following minimum requirements:

The vendor must maintain regularly scheduled service hours, seven days a week, 24 hours per day throughout the year. The site must be clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair at all times and must include an alcohol drug-free environment for residents, safe sleeping quarters, a separate bed for each resident, which may include a crib or a bassinet, closet and dresser space, clean linen in good condition, including lightweight, warm blankets, top and bottom sheets, pillowcases, mattress pads, bath towels and wash cloths. The facility must include a minimum of adequate bathing, hand washing and toilet facilities, lounge area, dining area with adequate seating, a laundry facility and laundry supplies at no cost to the resident and toilet articles appropriate to the health and grooming needs of the individual. The facility must be located near public transportation so persons may look for a job, attend school, attain their drivers license, attend Outpatient substance use disorder treatment, and any other necessary linkages to help them get back on their feet.

The Department annually monitors contracted vendors for compliance with the above requirements. The two vendors currently on the master agreement are the only vendors in Fresno County that provide this service. As the service is to allow persons served to get back on their feet after release from a residential substance use disorder program, the Department only wants to contract with vendors in Fresno County so that persons may rebuild their life in their home county.

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 population served by this program is a vulnerable population; individuals are coming out of inpatient facilities and are searching for sober housing. RR and PRR provides safe and sober housing and allows these individuals to work on their sobriety in the community in which they reside (Fresno County). If an individual were to be housed outside of the Fresno County area, they would not be able to build and retain strong and positive support systems in their community.

DBH will contract with any available vendor in the Fresno County area for RR and PRR, and are trying to locate more vendors who are willing to provide these valuable services.

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.

DBH has reached out to the following organizations within Fresno County, to discuss their interest in being added to this master agreement:

Poverello House
Clinica Sierra Vista
RH Community Builders
Turning Point
Marjori Mason Center
Fresno EOC
Selma COM

These facilities do not currently meet NARR standards but if they do the Department will add them to the master agreement.

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Requested By:

Licensed Mental Health
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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