



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 has an existing master agreement for contracted vendors to provide outpatient specialty mental health services for persons eligible for Medi-Cal who meet seriously mentally ill criteria as specified by the State California Department of Health Care Services in Behavioral Health Information Notices 21-073 and 26-002. Services are provided by licensed practitioners of the healing arts which include: licensed physicians, licensed psychologists (including waived psychologists), licensed clinical social workers (including waived or registered clinical social workers), licensed professional clinical counselors (including waived or registered professional clinical counselors), licensed marriage and family therapists (including waived or registered marriage and family therapists), registered nurses (including certified nurse specialists and nurse practitioners). Services include, but are not limited to: mental health services, medication support services, crisis intervention, crisis stabilization, and targeted case management.

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

Khalsa Foundation, Prableen Kaur, 4335 N Golden State Blvd Suite 103 Fresno, CA 93722, 559-220-3134, prableen@kfcalfornia.org

Quality Group Homes, Inc, Antoinette Robinson, 4928 E Clinton Way Ste, #108, Fresno, CA 93727, 559-252-6844 ext. 226, antoinetter@qualityfamilyservices.org

Reflection Family Therapy, Inc., Rupinder Kaur, 5150 N 6th street #169, Fresno, CA 93710, 559-801-4089, info.reflectionwc.com

The Way Forward Professional Clinical Counselor Corporation, Navreet Gill, 2540 W. Shaw Ln. Ste 117 Fresno, CA 93711, 559-549-7033, navreet@thewayforwardtherapy.org

Nasim Nancy Lynch, 5151 N. Palm Ave Suite 712 Fresno, CA 93704, 559-940-4689, nancylmft24@gmail.com

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.

Fiscal Year 2025-26: \$9,000,000; Fiscal Year 2026-27: \$9,000,000; Fiscal Year 2027-28: \$9,000,000; Fiscal Year 2028-29: \$9,000,000; Fiscal Year 2029-30: \$9,000,000. Total cost of five-year agreement \$45,000,000.

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.

The vendors being added to this existing master agreement all possess eligible licenses as defined by DHCS to render specialty mental health services. The vendors have also had their offices inspected by the Department of Behavioral Health ensuring the safety of our Medi-Cal beneficiaries seeking services. All licensed practitioners will be credentialed by the Department of Behavioral Health prior to rendering services which includes a background check and verification of license, education, and training requirements. The Department will contract with any vendor who meets the requirements of the Master Agreement.

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 addition of the contracted vendors will allow services to be rendered through the broadest base of providers for Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The additions will also allow the Department of Behavioral Health to continue to meet network adequacy requirements for timeliness and distance standards set by the California State Department of Health Care Services. The Department will contract with any vendor who meets the requirements of the Master Agreement.

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.

A request for statement of qualifications was issued to establish a master agreement for these services. The existing master agreement is available for any individual or group interested in providing outpatient specialty mental health services to Medi-Cal eligible persons. Individuals or groups must be a licensed practitioner of the healing arts as defined by the State California Department of Health Care Services, credentialed by the Department of Behavioral Health, and have their office site certified by the Department of Behavioral Health. Any individual or group who meets the requirements and is interested in providing services may be added to the existing master agreement throughout its term.

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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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Department Head Signature

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Purchasing Manager Signature

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