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# CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Procurement and Contracts Division

## NON-COMPETITIVE PURCHASE REQUEST JUSTIFICATION

Required for all (non-emergency) sole source acquisitions in excess of \$5,000.00 and sole source service requests in excess of \$100,000.00.

This justification document consists of three (3) pages. All information must be provided and all questions must be answered. **Department Head approval is required.**

### Requesting Department Information

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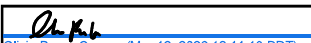
### Required Supplier / Vendor Information


Vendor / Supplier Name:	Vendor / Supplier Address:
<input type="text" value="Star View Behavioral Health"/>	<input type="text" value="7677 Oakport Street, Suite 1010, Oakland, CA 94621"/>
Contact Name:	
<input type="text" value="Sonia Cueva"/>	<input type="text"/>
Estimated Purchase Price/Contract Amount:	Vendor / Supplier Email Address:
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Provide a brief description of the request, including all goods and/or services the vendor/supplier will provide and supporting exemption reference from Board Policy C-17 - Procurement Policy:

Star View Behavioral Health (Star View), located in Los Angeles County, is a dually-licensed Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) and Community Treatment Facility (CTF) that specializes in serving adolescents who cannot live safely in family homes or lower-level group care because of the nature and severity of their emotional and behavioral problems.

Exemption is Policy C-173.4.2(f) "the procurement is for goods where the continuity of providers will provide efficiency or critical knowledge, and other providers of the good cannot provide similar efficiencies or critical knowledge". These services are currently being provided to an EI Dorado County (EDC) youth under Letter of Intent 9900. Transitioning to another provider would disrupt continuity of care for the client, as well as produce additional administrative costs for the County.

Department Head:   
Olivia Byron-Cooper (Mar 12, 2026 12:11:13 PDT)  
Signature

Purchasing Agent:   
Michele Weimer (Mar 18, 2026 08:39:29 PDT)  
Signature

Board of Supervisors:  
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Assigned To:   
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**A. The good/service requested is restricted to one supplier for the reason stated below:**

1. Why is the acquisition restricted to this goods/services supplier? (Explain why the acquisition cannot be competitively sourced. Explain how the supplier is the only source for the acquisition.)

Star View's locked PHF and CTF offers an alternative to repeated psychiatric hospitalization and placement failures for adolescent youth, and is the only facility of its kind in the State. Star View provides acute inpatient psychiatric care, residential care enhanced by intensive mental health services, and schooling to California youth with severe emotional and behavioral disorders and to their families. Star View stabilizes, provides treatment, and then transitions youth to less restrictive placements, including with family, foster families, or lower-level group homes as part of each youth's long term permanency plan.

2. Provide the background of events leading to this acquisition.

On behalf of El Dorado County, the Health & Human Services Agency, Behavioral Health Division (BH) contracts with the State of California to serve as the county's Mental Health Plan (MHP). MHPs are required to provide, or arrange for, Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) for youth residing in their jurisdiction who meet the eligibility criteria defined in California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) Section 14184.402. Mandated SMHS includes placement at a PHF, when clinically appropriate, per California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 9 Section 1810.247 and 1810.345.

3. Describe the uniqueness of the acquisition. (Why was the goods/services supplier chosen?)

An EDC youth is currently receiving services at Star View under Letter of Intent 9900. The youth was determined to be eligible for services and in need of PHF and CTF - level of care by the appropriate El Dorado County placing agency.

4. What are the consequences of not purchasing the goods/services or contracting with the proposed supplier?

If the Board declines to contract with this provider, HHSA will not have a mechanism for reimbursing Star View for these medically-necessary treatment services, which may result in displacement of the youth and put the County at risk for non-compliance with WIC Section 14184.402 and CCR Title 9 Section 1810.345.

5. What market research was conducted to substantiate no competition, including the evaluation of other items or service providers? (Provide a narrative of your efforts to identify other similar or appropriate goods/services, including a summary of how the department concluded that such alternatives are either inappropriate or unavailable. The name and addresses of suppliers contacted and the reasons for not considering them must be included OR an explanation of why the survey or effort to identify other goods/services was not performed.)

Market research to substantiate no competition was not conducted as this service is an entitlement, and Star View is the only facility within the State that provides these specialized services.

**B. Price Analysis:**

1. How was the price offered determined to be fair and reasonable? (Explain what basis was used for comparison and include cost analysis as applicable.)

Because this service is an entitlement, and because the statewide need for such services far outweighs the availability of beds, cost analysis was not completed. Additionally, the specialized nature of Star View's program means there are few, if any, comparables within the State.

2. Describe any cost savings or avoidance realized (one-time or ongoing) by acquiring the goods/services from this supplier.

An EDC youth is already receiving services through this provider. Transitioning to another provider would not only disrupt continuity of care for the client, it would result in additional administrative costs. For example, the EDC placing agency responsible for the youth would have to identify a new placement - a process that is typically long and complicated. Once the new placement had been identified, BH would have to complete the entire contracting process over again, including completing all the things that are necessary on the back end to contract with a new provider - another long and complicated process.