



## 6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

Providence is the nation's third largest health system and employs more than 119,000 medical professionals. The system has 50 hospitals, 829 physician clinics, senior services, supportive housing, and many other services across seven states with more than 25 locations in the State of California, one of which is St. Joseph Hospital of Orange. St. Joseph Hospital is home to approximately 75 specialty programs, including the Center for Cancer Prevention and Treatment, the Heart and Vascular Center, and a technologically advanced Orthopedics program. The hospital employs approximately 3,100 medical professionals and discharges approximately 20,000 patients each year.

Providence is in the process of reorganizing its operations and has created a wholly-owned purchasing company: Providence Procurement Company, LLC (PPC). PPC will allow Providence to centralize its procurement functions among several of its California hospitals to help drive consistency and create efficiencies. As part of the planning process for PPC, Providence and City staff discussed the concept of a Participation Agreement to encourage the placement of PPC in the City of Orange.

Assembly Bill 562 (AB 562) provides cities with financial assistance tools for the purpose of stimulating economic development. Under AB 562, cities may consider an economic development subsidy for a prospective business, subject to certain public notice requirements as well as an economic development subsidy report. The placement of PPC in Orange would provide for on-going employment retention, an increase of sales tax revenue, and reinvestment in existing facilities.

### Discussion

In response to a competitive marketplace where other cities have a strong interest to incentivize PPC, City staff initiated an economic development effort to locate PPC in the City of Orange. This proposed Participation Agreement (agreement) is the result of those negotiations. The terms of the agreement allow the City to be competitive in retaining this important business in our community, while providing Providence with strong incentives to grow and expand in Orange.

### ***Terms of the Participation Agreement:***

1. The term of the agreement is twenty years.
2. PPC is required to maintain its corporate offices in the City with a minimum of 150 full-time employees (between PPC and its affiliates).
3. Each calendar quarter, PPC is required to achieve an initial quarterly sales tax threshold of \$100,000, whereupon the City will remit to PPC, 49% of the sales tax generated by their total quarterly sales.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the proposed Participation Agreement between the City of Orange and Providence Procurement Company, LLC, a Washington Limited Liability Company.

## 7. ATTACHMENTS

- Participation Agreement between the City of Orange and Providence Procurement Company, LLC
- Economic Subsidy Report (AB 562)