

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

SUBJECT/TITLE	60' Water Ferry	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Stacia Branco	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	June 25, 2024
DEPARTMENT	Public Works Department	REQUISITION NO.	R084965
AUTHORIZED BY	Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP, Purchasing Official	SIGNATURE DATE	

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$2,858,500.00 with Breaux Brothers Enterprise, Inc. for the provision of 60' Water Ferry.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Federal/State law(s), administrative ruling(s), Manatee County Comp Plan/Land Development Code, ordinances, resolutions, policy.

Manatee County Code of Laws

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Manatee County Procurement Division has completed a due diligence review and intends to procure a 60' Water Ferry from Breaux Brothers Enterprise, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

Manatee County currently operates pontoon water ferries that shuttle passengers from downtown Bradenton to the barrier islands. These ferries have served as vital transportation links, but their capabilities are limited by weather and water conditions, often restricting operations during adverse situations. In response to the need for enhanced service reliability and passenger comfort, the County is embarking on an initiative to acquire a larger, heavy-duty passenger transport vessel.

A new vessel aims to surpass the current ferries by offering increased capacity, improved comfort features such as climate-controlled cabins, and the capability to operate in a wider range of weather and water conditions. This upgrade is expected to significantly enhance passenger experience and overall service reliability, ensuring smoother operations even under challenging circumstances. The Public Works Department has found Breaux Brothers Enterprise's pricing to be competitive within the marketplace, aligning well with budgetary considerations while offering the necessary quality and reliability expected for such a critical transportation asset.

Any company that believes it can provide this good/service, must submit detailed information about its good/service to the Manatee County Procurement Division at purchasing@mymanatee.org no later than June 24, 2024 for evaluation and consideration.