

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

INTENT TO AWARD

RFP NO./TITLE	RFP No. 24-R085474SB Catering Services	DATE POSTED	MC _____ DS _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Stacia Branco	PROJECTED AWARD DATE	June, 2025
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a contract with Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC for the provision of Catering Services.

ENABLING/REGULATING AUTHORITY

Manatee County Procurement Ordinance, Sec 2-26.

BACKGROUND/EVALUATION

The Bradenton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (BACVB) was seeking proposals from qualified firms to serve as the permanent in-house caterer for the Bradenton Area Convention Center. The selected firm will be responsible for purchasing and preparing food, non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages, and providing all necessary equipment, labor, supervision, insurance, materials, supplies, licensing, and transportation. The caterer will deliver on-site catering services to County clients, their customers, and exhibitors in accordance with the terms of an Agreement.

The solicitation was advertised on the Manatee County website, and DemandStar. It was also provided to the Manatee County Chamber of Commerce, the Manasota Black Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, and Gulf Coast Latin Chamber of Commerce for release to its members. Responses were received from the following firms:

1. Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC

EVALUATION SUMMARY:

Pursuant to Florida Statute 287.057 Procurement of commodities or contractual services:

(6) If less than two responsive bids, proposals, or replies for commodity or contractual services purchases are received, the department or other agency may negotiate on the best terms and conditions. The department or other agency shall document the reasons that such action is in the best interest of the state in lieu of resoliciting competitive sealed bids, proposals, or replies. Each agency shall report all such actions to the department on a quarterly basis, in a manner and form prescribed by the department.

Manatee County intends to award a contract for catering services to Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC. Only one (1) proposal was received in response to the solicitation, and after a thorough evaluation, it has been determined that the proposal meets all the necessary requirements and provides the best value to Manatee County.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Bradenton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau recommends award to the following firm: Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC

ATTACHMENTS (List in order of attached)	None	COST	Revenue Generating
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