

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

SUBJECT/TITLE	Dolphin Transportation Specialists/Transportation Services	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr Procurement Agent I	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	October 18, 2023
DEPARTMENT	Convention and Visitors Bureau	REQUISITION NO.	R082980
AUTHORIZED BY	Jacob Erickson 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 \$50,000 with Dolphin Transportation for the provision of transportation for Manatee Countys Government VIP visitors, travel writers, meetings and group sales planners/organizers while they are visiting.

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 transportation for Manatee Countys Government VIP visitors, travel writers, meetings and group sales planners/organizers while they are visiting from Dolphin Transportation Specialists without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

Dolphin Transportation Specialists has a fleet of over 150 vehicles with the oldest of vehicles only dating back to 2018. These vehicles range from SUVs, executive passenger vans, 25 persons minibuses, 40 passenger mini coaches as well as 54 passenger motor coaches. These vehicles are well equipped with state-of-the-art sanitizing equipment, GPA tracking through dispatch services, video cameras installed in all vehicles with a 24-hour customer service by phone or email. Dolphin Transportation Specialists updates passengers via text messaging with driver information and updates. Tracking links are provided for the customers to follow vehicles for larger groups and shuttle services. Dolphin Transportation Specialists are providing a substantial discounted rate on all their supplied vehicles to the Manatee County Government.

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 5pm, October 17, 2023 for evaluation and consideration.

