

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

SUBJECT/TITLE	Thor Guard Lightning Protection System	DATE POSTED	MC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	April 17, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Property Management	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Potential safety risk to visitors
TASK NO.	25-R087187TC	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a sole source contract with a value of \$32,755.00 with Thor Guard, Inc. for the provision of Thor Guard Lightning Protection System.

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 Thor Guard Lightning Protection System from Thor Guard, Inc without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s).

Manatee County's diverse parks cater to various recreational needs, with facilities like the swimming pool at GT Bray Park offering swimming lessons. Safety is paramount, and Thor Guard, Inc. shines in this regard with its real-time lightning detection and predictive technology, setting it apart from other systems. With its sensors, alert devices, and monitoring software, Thor Guard ensures vital real-time lightning forecasting crucial for maintaining a secure environment, which is crucial around swimming pools. As the sole source manufacturer and marketing organization of the Thor Guard Lightning Protection Systems, its patent-protected technology underscores its commitment to safety.

Any company that believes they can provide this good or service must provide, in writing, convincing technical data sufficient to support their position to the Manatee County Procurement Division at purchasing@mymanatee.org no later than April 16, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.