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

SUBJECT/TITLE	ECO Bionics Biogenerator / Digester Unit Rental and Services	DATE POSTED	MC
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Emily Diaz, Senior Procurement Agent	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	October 6, 2022
DEPARTMENT	Utilities Department	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Increase costs in maintenance and potential blockage of stations
REQUISITION NO.	N004641	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 blanket purchase order with a value of \$512, 658.96 with Chemsearch FE for the provision of ECO Bionics Biogenerator / Digester Unit Rental and Services.

## 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 ECO Bionics Biogenerator / Digester Unit Rental and Services from Chemsearch FE without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s).

 Chemsearch FE has two US Patents for their Bio-generator Automated System and method for growing bacteria and holds the proprietary blend of bacteria strains used in their Free-Flow pellets that are used in the BIO-AMP generator units. Chemsearch FE is the sole proprietor of the patented Free-Flow pellets and incubation system. The patented BIO-AMP system which is used to incubate the Bacillus and Pseudomonas Strains of bacteria used for Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) remediation within the lift stations and downstream collection system.

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 <u>purchasing@mymanatee.org</u> no later than October 6, 2022.