

# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

<b>SUBJECT/TITLE</b>	Mity-lite Capital Equipment, Carts, Tables and Chair	<b>DATE POSTED</b>	MC Website _____
<b>PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Stacia Branco	<b>DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED</b>	August 5, 2025
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Bradenton Area Convention Center	<b>AUTHORIZED BY DATE</b>	Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP Digitally signed by Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP Date: 2025.07.16 08:01:38 -04'00' Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official
<b>TASK NO.</b>	25-R087621SB		

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$679,685.00 with Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC for the provision of Mity-lite Capital Equipment, Carts, Tables and Chairs for the Bradenton Area Convention Center.

### 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 Mity-lite Capital Equipment, Carts, Tables and Chair for the Bradenton Area Convention Center from Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

The upcoming renovations to the Bradenton Area Convention Center will add 15,000 square feet of event space, positioning the facility to attract larger conferences and meetings. To meet industry standards and client expectations, this new space should be furnished with high-quality, modern equipment that aligns with the size and modern design of the upgraded venue.

To ensure the department furnishes the space appropriately while remaining cost-effective, the department recommends purchasing these items through the incoming in-house caterer, Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC. This approach offers several key benefits such as cost efficiency. Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC can secure significantly lower pricing due to their established vendor relationships and high-volume purchasing power. By ordering through them, the department avoids inflated prices, excessive shipping fees, and the inefficiencies of placing separate orders for various furniture sizes and styles. Ordering through Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC it consolidates the procurement process, reducing the administrative burden on County staff and avoiding potential delays that come with coordinating multiple vendors and shipments. Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC long-standing relationships with their furniture manufacturers provides the County with greater post-delivery support, including warranty coverage and service responsiveness. Independent, one-time orders from us would not carry the same priority or level of service. Purchasing directly from manufacturers would result in smaller, one-off orders that are typically deprioritized, leading to higher costs, longer lead times, and

limited purchase support. Investing in the right furnishings through this partnership not only ensures we meet client expectations, but it also supports the Bradenton Area Convention Center's ability to compete for and host large, revenue-generating events. The quality of the equipment we provide directly impacts the facility's marketability and long-term return on investment.

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](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) no later than July 23, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.