

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

SUBJECT/TITLE	Lightning Suppressors for Lakewood Ranch Park	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	July 2, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Sports and Leisure Services	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official
TASK NO.	25-R087819TC		

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$159,400.00 with EMP Solutions, Inc. for the provision of Lightning Suppressors for Lakewood Ranch Park.

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 Lightning Suppressors for Lakewood Ranch Park from EMP Solutions, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

The Manatee County Sports and Leisure Services Department recognizes the necessity of installing lightning suppressors at Lakewood Ranch Park due to Florida's unpredictable weather prone to numerous lightning strikes, averaging 3,500 cloud-to-ground flashes daily and 1.2 million annually. With EMP Solutions, Inc.'s successful lightning suppressors deployment in other parks throughout Manatee County, the risk of property damage or even fatalities from lightning strikes can be mitigated. EMP Solutions, Inc.'s suppressors are designed to balance charges between clouds and the ground, protecting property and park visitors during sudden storms, supported by a 10-year warranty. Prioritizing safety, these suppressors play a crucial role in maintaining a secure environment for anyone within the vicinity.

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 July 1, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.