

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

SUBJECT/TITLE	Veterans On Demand Service	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	September 25, 2024
DEPARTMENT	Public Works	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official
REQUISITION NO.	R085629		

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$42,000.00 with Spare Labs, Inc. for the provision of Veterans On Demand Service.

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 Veterans On Demand Service from Spare Labs, Inc without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

The Manatee County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) acknowledges the critical necessity for improved transportation options tailored to the needs of our esteemed Veterans. Evident gaps within the current transportation network, whether operated by the county or through collaborative efforts with community entities, pose challenges in adequately supporting the mounting mobility requirements of our Veterans. The urgency for accessible, reliable, and cost-effective transportation to vital services within local and regional domains underscores the immediate need for action. This endeavor is pivotal in empowering our Veterans to embrace enriched lives, resonant with our deep appreciation for their invaluable service. Following meticulous assessments and consultations, Manatee County Area Transit (MCAT) has identified Spare Labs, Inc. as an adept provider of Software as a Service (SAS) that can cater to the on-demand transportation needs of our Veterans. While engaging with various vendors and transit agencies specializing in micro-transit, it became evident that Spare Labs, Inc. was the sole entity willing to align with and excel in meeting our stringent expectations. Through collaborative efforts, MCAT and Spare Labs, Inc. have meticulously crafted a service model tailored to our specific projected demand, a commendable departure from the customary vendor approach that often hinges on demand thresholds.

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 September 24, 2024 for evaluation and consideration.