

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

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| SUBJECT/TITLE | Consulting Services for Veterans Memorial Park Project | DATE POSTED | MC Website _____ |
| PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE | Ashley Forrest, Procurement Agent III | DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED | June 19, 2025 |
| DEPARTMENT | Government Relations | AUTHORIZED BY DATE | Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official |
| TASK NO. | 25-R087647AF | | |

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$135,000.00 with VeraCruz Advisory, LLC for the provision of consulting services for Veterans Memorial Park project.

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 consulting services for Veterans Memorial Park project from VeraCruz Advisory, LLC without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

VeraCruz Advisory, LLC is uniquely qualified for the county's Veterans Connections/Resource Hub and Memorial Park project due to its specialized experience and direct community ties. As a local, veteran-owned firm led by a former active-duty Marine officer with established local relationships, the vendor provides the necessary expertise in project planning, community engagement, philanthropy alignment, and stakeholder trust specifically tailored to veterans.

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 June 18, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.