

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	Ashley Forrest, Procurement Agent III	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	October 7, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Utilities	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Increased maintenance costs and potential blockage of stations
TASK NO.	26-N004968AF	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP Digitally signed by Jacob Erickson, MBA, CPPO, NIGP-CPP Date: 2025.09.16 11:21:31 -04'00' Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a sole source contract with a value of \$539,354.04 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 Biogenerator 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 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 purchasing@mymanatee.org no later than September 23, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.