

# MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

### A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

<b>SUBJECT/TITLE</b>	Versa Technology Inc / Industrial 2-Channel Optical Fiber Bypass Switches	<b>DATE POSTED</b>	MC _____
<b>PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Kelly Driscoll	<b>DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED</b>	August 7, 2023
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Public Works	<b>CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED</b>	Replacement of entire system with another type of system.
<b>REQUISITION NO.</b>	R082579	<b>AUTHORIZED BY DATE</b>	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

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

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a sole source contract with a value of \$89,768.00 with Versa Technology Inc for the provision of Industrial 2-Channel Optical Fiber Bypass Switches.

#### 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 Industrial 2-Channel Optical Fiber Bypass Switches from Versa Technology Inc without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s).

The Public Works Department has thoroughly tested the IFB-244 industrial 2-channel optical fiber bypass switches over a 30-day evaluation period earlier this year and have determined that these particular switches meet all requirements and are able to maintain network integrity during simulated power outages with the signal cabinet.

Due to the reliability and various ports supported by these switches, the Public Works Department and Procurement have determined that these particular switches are in the County's best interest.

Versa Technology is the sole source provider in the United States for industrial 2-Channel Optical Fiber bypass switches made by Planet Technology.

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](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) no later than August 4, 2023 at 5pm .