

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

SUBJECT/TITLE	Bypass Pump, Operator Panel and Piping for the Water Treatment Plant	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Emily Diaz Procurement Agent III	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	January 28, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Utilities	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official
TASK NO.	25-R086415ED		

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$593,916.41 with Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. for the provision of a bypass pump, operator panel and piping for the Water Treatment Plant.

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 a bypass pump, operator panel and piping from Sunbelt Rentals, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

The purchase of the bypass pumps and associated equipment is essential to ensuring the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) can continue to meet potable water production demands while achieving significant long-term cost savings. Currently, the WTP faces operational constraints due to testing protocols, mechanical limitations, and the inability to use polymers in Basin A, which impacts production capacity. The bypass pumps have been critical in mitigating these limitations by transferring water from Basin B to Basin A, enabling us to maintain a supply of 12 million gallons per day. Relying on rented pumps has proven effective but financially burdensome. The annual rental fees far exceed the purchase price of the equipment. The equipment is fully operational, compatible with our systems, and does not require further installation. Pursuing alternative solutions or deinstalling the current setup would cause unnecessary downtime and increase costs. This purchase aligns with our long-term strategy to ensure consistent water production, reduce dependency on external vendors, and provide greater operational control.

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 January 7, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.