

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

SUBJECT/TITLE	Thor Guard Lightning Protection System for Coquina and Cortez Beach	DATE POSTED	MC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Kelly Driscoll, Procurement Agent I	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	August 13, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Public Safety	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Potential safety risk to visitors
TASK NO.	25-R088110KD	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	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 \$32,120.50 with Thor Guard, Inc. for the provision of Thor Guard Lightning Protection System for Coquina and Cortez Beach.

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 Thor Guard Lightning Protection System for Coquina and Cortez Beach from Thor Guard, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s).

Public Safety has been working to standardize the installation of the Thor Guard Lightning Protection System for all County aquatic facilities and parks. This includes the facility at Manatee Beach. The Thor Guard Lightning Protection System guarantees real-time lightning detection with alerts that are unique for its predictive technology. Its sensors, alert devices, and monitoring software are crucial to preventing safety hazards and equipment damage from lightning strikes and is the only solution that meets the County's needs. Thor Guard, Inc. is the sole authorized repair and service provider for this patented system ensuring specialized support and maintenance.

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 August 12, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.