

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

SUBJECT/TITLE	Annual Fireline Backflow Services & Testing	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	September 22, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Utilities	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official
TASK NO.	25-R088405TC		

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$70,555.00 with Total Fire Protection, Inc. for the provision of Annual Fireline Backflow Services & Testing.

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 Annual Fireline Backflow Services & Testing from Total Fire Protection, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

The Manatee County Utilities Department, Water Compliance Division requires continuous servicing and testing of fireline backflows. Compliance demands annual servicing and testing, especially for those with noncompliant fireline prevention assemblies, with reports to be submitted as per Article X of Chapter 2-31, Manatee County Code of Ordinances and Resolution R-13-194. In alignment with the Safe Drinking Water Act, F.A.C. 62.550 and 62.555, and AWWA Manual M-14, testing the fireline backflow preventers is crucial to safeguard the public drinking water supply from inadvertent contamination. With internal seals, springs, and moving parts that can deteriorate over time, it's imperative to conduct periodic testing to ensure proper functionality in protecting the Manatee County drinking water supply. Despite the unsuccessful ITQ in April 2025, in response to maintaining clean water for the county's residents, engaging with a contractor like Total Fire Protection, Inc. promptly is essential to avert any potential setbacks.

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 September 19, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.

