

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

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| SUBJECT/TITLE | Bracken Magnolia Trees for 44th Avenue Median Project | DATE POSTED | MC Website _____ |
| PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE | Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II | DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED | October 21, 2025 |
| DEPARTMENT | Property Management | AUTHORIZED BY DATE | Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official |
| TASK NO. | 26-R088591TC | | |

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$43,810.00 with McKeithen Growers, Inc. for the provision of Bracken Magnolia Trees for 44th Avenue Median Project.

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

The Manatee County Procurement Division has completed a due diligence review and intends to procure Magnolia Trees for 44th Avenue Median Project from McKeithen Growers, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

The Property Management Department is overseeing beautification projects within the area, specifically focusing on enhancing the medians of 44th Avenue. Their design calls for the installation of Bracken Magnolia trees to ensure a uniform and visually pleasing canopy size and shape along the corridor. With the project timeline being a crucial factor, all trees must be delivered promptly to coincide with the ongoing roadway and landscape construction schedules. After careful consideration of multiple vendors, it was determined that McKeithen Growers, Inc. proved to be the most reliable choice, with the capability to meet the strict project guidelines that other vendors couldn't guarantee. Not only did McKeithen Growers, Inc. demonstrate the capacity to deliver the required quantity of trees within the designated time frame, but they also offered the most cost-effective solution among the received quotes. It's essential to ensure timely and accurate delivery of these trees, as any delays could result in additional costs and resources being expended to rectify the situation, impacting the project's completion alongside other construction-related services.

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 October 20, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.