

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT

SUBJECT/TITLE	Ruggedcom Cellular Communication Devices	DATE POSTED	MC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	October 30, 2025
DEPARTMENT	Public Works	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Loss of traffic signal communication
TASK NO.	26-R088675TC	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	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 \$36,777.00 with Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. for the provision of Ruggedcom Cellular Communication Devices.

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 Ruggedcom Cellular Communication Devices from Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s).

The Traffic Management Department of Manatee County Public Works is actively working to improve their remote traffic signal systems through infrastructure updates and upgrades. By utilizing Siemens Ruggedcom cellular edge routers, known for their consistent performance throughout the County, the department ensures the smooth operation of their traffic signal networks. Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. is the exclusive supplier of Siemens-Ruggedcom products, facilitating the installation of these advanced routers and antennas to strengthen communication with field devices and remote traffic signals across the region. These strategic technological enhancements are designed to provide the Traffic Management Center with reliable and secure communication links crucial for effective traffic signal management and control.

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 October 29, 2025 for evaluation and consideration.