

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT

SUBJECT/TITLE	30' Contender Emergency Rescue Boat	DATE POSTED	MC Website _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	February 17, 2026
DEPARTMENT	Public Works	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	
TASK NO.	26-R089373TC		Jacob Erickson, Purchasing Official

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The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with a value of \$494,750.17 with Erickson Marine Corporation for the provision of 30' Contender Emergency Rescue Boat.

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 30' Contender Emergency Rescue Boat from Erickson Marine Corporation without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

Manatee County's Public Safety Department is dedicated to ensuring efficient emergency services responses across various critical situations. The Public Works Department-Fleet Services Division has chosen Contender boats, renowned for their robust construction, to cater to its demanding needs. Unlike other boat manufacturers, Contender Boats, Inc. goes the extra mile by customizing the vessels to perfectly suit the Public Safety Department's requirements, especially when it comes to patient rescue and loading. Erickson Marine Corporation is the authorized Contender Boats dealer near Manatee County and offers not only the boats but also sales, services, and local warranty support. Having this authorized dealer close by ensures quick responses for any emergency repairs or services needed, thanks to their stocked repair parts and proficient on-site professionals ready to assist with both emergency and warranty concerns.

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 30, 2026 for evaluation and consideration.