

**MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

SUBJECT/TITLE	Replacement of SimFlo Pumps	DATE POSTED	MC _____
PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE	Thomas Couchois Jr, Procurement Agent II	DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED	March 30, 2026
DEPARTMENT	Utilities	CONSEQUENCES IF DEFERRED	Inefficient Water Treatment Process
TASK NO.	26-R089873TC	AUTHORIZED BY DATE	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 \$318,480.00 with Tom Evans Environmental, Inc. for the provision of Replacement of SimFlo Pumps.

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 Replacement of SimFlo Pumps from Tom Evans Environmental, Inc. without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s).

The Manatee County Utilities Department is in need of replacing two critical pumps at the Southwest Waste Water Treatment facility. Tom Evans Environmental, Inc. is the exclusive representative for SimFlo within Florida's municipal sector. Choosing this specialized vendor ensures optimal operational efficiency, reducing downtime and minimizing disruptions to treatment processes. Tom Evans Environmental, Inc. offers a comprehensive range of services for SimFlo turbine pumps, including warranty and non-warranty repairs, parts and equipment supply, and expert technical support. By consolidating operations with a single manufacturer, the department can streamline processes, avoid excess inventory costs, and benefit from cost-effective and efficient solutions. The replacement pumps provided by Tom Evans Environmental, Inc. are designed as direct-fit replacements, eliminating the need for costly adjustments and ensuring a seamless integration.

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 March 27, 2026 for evaluation and consideration.