

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

<b>SUBJECT/TITLE</b>	Agreement No. 21-TA003794JE / Lobbying and Related Governmental Consulting Services	<b>DATE POSTED</b>	MC Website _____
<b>PROCUREMENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Jacob Erickson	<b>DATE CONTRACT SHALL BE AWARDED</b>	August 10, 2021
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	County Administration	<b>REQUISITION NO.</b>	TA003794
<b>AUTHORIZED BY</b>	Jacob Erickson, Procurement Official	<b>SIGNATURE DATE</b>	

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO NEGOTIATE FOR AWARD**

The Manatee County Procurement Division provides notice of its intent to award a single source contract with an annual value of \$90,000.00 with Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC for the provision of lobbying and related governmental consulting services.

**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 lobbying and related governmental consulting services from Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC without conducting a competitive solicitation process for the following reason(s):

Procuring lobbying and related governmental consulting services from Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC will further the County's goals and objectives before the Florida Legislature and Executive Branch and other governmental entities, agencies or departments within the State of Florida.

Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC has established relationships built over years of service and has many public sector clients including local municipalities and university systems that are heavily involved in State-level projects.

With offices in Tampa and Tallahassee, Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC has a unique understanding of Manatee County and the greater Tampa Bay area.

Although there are other firms that can provide a similar service, Johnston & Stewart Government Strategies, LLC best aligns with the current goals and objectives of the County.

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](mailto:purchasing@mymanatee.org) no later than July 26, 2021 for evaluation and consideration.