

**DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED
SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE
(PUR 7776)**

AGENCY: Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.

TITLE: Customized Early Learning Kits to Support Kindergarten Readiness

Short description of the commodity or service desired: Customized Early Learning Kits designed to support kindergarten readiness by providing developmentally appropriate materials aligned with early learning standards. The kits include curated learning resources that promote foundational skills in language & literacy, health & nutrition, family engagement, motor skill development, mathematics, social-emotional development, STEAM, and problem solving.

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Internal tracking number, if any: NA

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This description of commodities or contractual services intended for purchase from a single source is posted in accordance with Sections 120.57(3) and 287.057(3), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and will remain posted for a period of at least 15 business days.

Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):

Customized early learning kits to support kindergarten readiness.

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):

5/1/26 - 12/31/26

Requestor (division, bureau, office, individual, as appropriate):

Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.

Performance and/or Design Requirements (e.g. intended use, function or application, compatibility, requirements; reference to policy, rule, statute or other act of the Legislature, etc., as appropriate):

The kits are designed to provide hands-on, interactive learning experiences that reinforce foundational skills and align with state early learning standards, supporting teachers, caregivers, and families in promoting school readiness across multiple areas of child development. They provide a structured yet flexible set of resources that can be used to foster developmentally appropriate skills in preparation for kindergarten.

Intended Single Source:
Lakeshore Learning Materials

Estimated Dollar Amount:
\$250,000

Justification for single source acquisition (what is necessary and unique about the product, service or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):
Lakeshore Learning Materials is the exclusive provider and publisher of custom early learning kits. The proprietary nature of these materials makes them unavailable through any other vendor.

Approved By (names & titles, as appropriate, e.g., requestor, requestor management, information systems, budget, purchasing):
Darrell King, Chief Executive Officer

Prospective vendors are requested to provide information regarding their ability to supply the commodities or contractual services described. If it is determined in writing by the agency, after reviewing any information received from prospective vendors, that the commodities or contractual services are available only from a single source, the agency shall provide notice of its intended decision to enter a single-source purchase contract in the manner specified in Rule 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, and section 120.57(3), F.S.