

**NOTICE OF INTENDED DECISION
TO ENTER INTO A SINGLE SOURCE CONTRACT
(PUR 7778)**

This Notice of Intended Decision to Enter into a Single Source Contract is posted in accordance with Rule 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, and section 287.057(3), Florida Statutes.

AGENCY: Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.

TITLE: Afterschool and Summer School Cloud-Based Curriculum

Short description of the commodity or service desired: Learning Beyond the Bell is a digital-first OST curriculum that delivers structured, high-quality programming through an accessible and flexible platform. It includes integrated lesson plans, staff supports, and optional materials such as activity cards and kits to ensure consistent implementation across sites. Designed for diverse communities, the curriculum is developed in both English and Spanish and supports efficient use of staff time while enhancing program quality and engagement for children.

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Internal tracking number, if any: NA

DMS Single Source number, if applicable:

Date posted: 05/15/26 Time posted: 8:00AM

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

Cost includes the afterschool and summer camp cloud-based curriculum for one year and age-appropriate book kits, materials, print activity cards and professional development.

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

Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.

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

Learning Beyond the Bell is designed for use in after-school, out-of-school time (OST), and summer programs serving mixed-age groups in community-based settings. The curriculum functions as a structured, implementation-ready system that provides sequenced lesson plans, embedded staff guidance, and flexible delivery through a digital platform with optional supplemental materials. It is intended to support consistent, high-quality programming by integrating academic enrichment, social-emotional learning, and project-based activities. The design ensures accessibility across diverse populations through bilingual (English/Spanish) content and adaptable implementation options.

Intended Single Source:
Learning Beyond Paper, Inc.

Price:
\$87,580

Justification for Single Source Purchase (what is necessary and unique about the commodity, contractual service, or source; steps taken to confirm unavailability of competition, as appropriate):

Learning Beyond the Bell is a comprehensive, fully integrated out-of-school time (OST) curriculum uniquely designed to support whole-child development through academic enrichment, social-emotional learning, and project-based experiences. Unlike other vendors that offer fragmented or supplemental resources, this product provides a cohesive, implementation-ready system specifically tailored for mixed-age OST environments and use by non-certified staff. To our knowledge, no other provider offers a single platform that combines all core program elements with built-in guidance, bilingual accessibility, and alignment to quality standards. Procuring an alternative would require multiple vendors, increased costs, and added implementation complexity, making Learning Beyond the Bell the only viable solution.

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

Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to file a bond or other security within the time allowed for filing a bond, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Protests may be filed with the agency by:

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