DESCRIPTION OF INTENDED SINGLE SOURCE PURCHASE (PUR 7776)

AGENCY: Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.

TITLE: Custom Coach Chassis Body Shell - 2027 Fortis 35R
Short description of the commodity or service desired: One new custom coach chassis body shell only, 2027 Fortis 35R, finished in one solid exterior paint color (white), includes delivery to Palmetto, Florida, and training.

CONTACT
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Internal tracking number, if any: _____

Date posted: 11/17/26 Last day for receipt of information: 12/7/26

Commodity or Contractual Service Required (commodity or United National Standard Products and Services Code (UNSPSC), manufacturer, model, and description, as appropriate):
One new custom coach chassis body shell only - 2027 Fortis 35R. Configuration includes shell unit only, with the customer responsible for interior installation; one solid white exterior paint color; delivery to Palmetto, Florida, and training. To be used for mobile AI learning classroom.

Quantity or Term (as appropriate):
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Quantity: 1 unit. Order terms: 75% deposit to order; remaining 25%, plus customer additions, due at completion/delivery. Payment is due before pickup or delivery.

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 unit must be a new 2027 Fortis 35R custom coach chassis body shell only, suitable for the Coalition to complete the interior installation. Required configuration includes a solid white exterior finish, delivery to Palmetto, Florida, and training. The shell-only configuration is intended to permit the Coalition to customize the interior for its mobile AI learning classroom.

Intended Single Source:
Blue Compass RV

Estimated Dollar Amount:
$199,973.31

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):

Blue Compass RV is the only vendor that can provide a new custom 2027 Fortis 35R coach chassis body shell configured as a shell-only unit for customer interior installation, with white exterior paint for delivery in Florida. Other vendors are unable to halt the production line and exclude the interior buildout needed.

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.