



**Sole Source  
Announcement**

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD SOLE SOURCE**

The Northwest Florida State College Purchasing Department intends to make a purchase which has been determined to qualify as a "Sole Source" purchase. The purpose of this "Notice of Intent to Award" is to publicly announce the College's intent to award a Sole Source Contract for a specific service, construction or item of tangible personal property.

Any vendor who does not agree that the products are available only from the contractor determined to be a sole source may protest the "Notice of Intent to Award" by contacting the Purchasing Department within fifteen (15) days of the date of Notice is posted.

**PROTEST:** All protests shall be filed in accordance with Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, and the NWFSC purchasing policies. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. Protestors are required to post a bond equal to 5% of the accepted bid per Florida Statute 255.0516. NWFSC will follow the statutory procedures for the resolution of protests arising from the contracting process. It is the sole responsibility of the protestor to know and follow all procedures according to Florida Statutes.

Qualified vendors should contact Katherine St. Onge, Director of Purchasing via email to [purchasing@nwfsc.edu](mailto:purchasing@nwfsc.edu) prior to the contact deadline: September 27, 2024 @ 11:00 AM CT. Please address your subject line as follows: Notice of Intent of Sole Source.

Notice of Award Posted: September 5, 2024 @ 11:00 AM CT

Northwest Florida State College, in accordance with Florida Statutes 287.057(3), is providing public Notice of the Intent to Award Sole Source the purchase of Oyster Castle® oyster reef construction materials from Allied Concrete, 1000 Harris Street, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Estimated Amount of Award: \$72,900

There are many modular oyster reef construction materials, but the Oyster Castle® blocks are the smallest and most customizable. With the expanded seagrass patches at the Live Oak Point site, the Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance requires something that can be used to add reef habitat and shoreline protection while working around any existing seagrass. Also, this product is hollow in the middle and allows for vegetation growth in the center of each unit to continue to increase seagrass habitat. This product has also been used in a project completed by the US Army Corps of Engineers (the federal permitting agency for these types of projects) and therefore is already an approved material for the project.