



**Forest Preserve District of Cook County  
Office of the Purchasing Agent**

**Sole Source Justification Form**

<b>General Information</b>	Date: 5/10/23
Unit/Department: Resource Management	Phone 708-771-1180
Contact Name: Brittany Baumer	Email: brittany.baumer@cookcountyil.gov

<b>Vendor Information</b>
Name: Bristol Equipment and Rentals
Address: 1950 N Mannheim Rd Melrose Park, IL 60160

<b>Description.</b> Please provide a description of the goods or services required, the duration or frequency of the requirement, and where will the services or goods be delivered.
Two (2) 2023 Argo Aurora 850 SE amphibious vehicles with hood rack and winch kits. To be delivered to the Central Garage at 2199 S. 1st Avenue, Maywood, IL 60153.

<b>Type.</b> Please select one of the options and explain below.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single Source <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary/Copyright Restrictions <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment Compatibility <input type="checkbox"/> Patented Product <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exclusive or Unique Capability <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please explain

<b>Explanation:</b> Why is this product or service the only one that would satisfy the requirement(s)?
Argos are one of the most widely available commercial extreme terrain vehicles, which makes obtaining local access to parts and service more viable compared to other brands. Given their extreme specialization, particularly their amphibious all-terrain capabilities, alternative options are extremely limited. Another consideration is that the department currently owns other Argo units, ensuring compatibility with the tools and attachments we already own, as well as consistency of mechanical knowledge for easier ongoing repair and maintenance.

<b>Due Diligence.</b> Describe the due diligence performed that led to the conclusion that this is a sole source.
Bristol Equipment and Rentals is the only authorized dealer of Argo products in northeastern Illinois, as memorialized by the attached dealer map from the manufacturer's website. As the only licensed dealer for our region, Bristol Equipment is the only local vendor guaranteed by the manufacturer to offer OEM products and a full manufacturer's warranty. Additionally, as a local business based in Cook County, Bristol Equipment is the only authorized dealer that qualifies as a preferred vendor under Forest Preserve Code Section 1-8-2E.

<b>Department Recommendation</b>	
Requestor: Brittany Baumer	Date: 5/10/23
Department Head: John McCabe	Date: 5/11/23

<b>Purchasing Agent Officer Approval</b>	
Signature: <i>Thomas J. Conlon</i>	Date: 6/23/23

Chief Attorney or Designee

CFO or Designee