



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Straughn Farms, Peotone, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): Hay farming

Contract Value: \$20,872.50

Contract period: 7/21/2015 through 12/31/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Generation of \$20,872.50

Accounts: Revenue Generating

Contract Number(s): 15-31-109

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer and Chief Attorney have approved this item.

Summary: Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "District"). This practice allows the District to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the District's intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one year, with two (2) one-year renewal options which gives the District the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Straughn Farms was the highest responsible bidder for the four (4) locations listed below for a total potential revenue generation over the next three years of \$20,872.50. Straughn Farms was the sole bidder for each site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Morrill Meadow	25	\$375.00
Tinley Creek	227	\$6,810.00
King's Grove Woods	35	\$525.00
Plum Creek	117	\$13,162.50
Total	404	\$20,872.50