



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Facilities and Fleet

**Vendor:** Bristol Transport, Inc. DBA Bristol Equipment and Rentals, Melrose Park, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Two (2) Argo Aurora 850 SE amphibious vehicles

**Contract Value:** \$61,689.70

**Contract Period:** One-time purchase

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$61,689.70

**Accounts:** Clean Air and Clean Water Referendum, Vehicle Purchase 51033.560266

**Contract Number(s):** #74000012660

**Concurrences:** The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final contract is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County is requesting to purchase two (2) Argo Aurora 850 SE amphibious vehicles with bed liner, hood rack, and front winch kits. Argo vehicles are specialized all-terrain vehicles used by the Department of Resource Management to facilitate land management and wildlife research operations. As certified amphibious vehicles, Argos are capable of traversing both land and water, enabling access to difficult to reach areas such as wetlands for more efficient application of prescribed fire or herbicide to control invasive species. Bristol Equipment and Rentals is the sole authorized dealer of Argo vehicles in northeast Illinois. This is a sole source procurement.