



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

Department: Resource Management

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (“FPDCC”) to utilize additional accounts for professional services provided by the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois in 2017 related to the execution of the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan. Additional accounts are being added to accommodate departmental work that may be covered under this contract (task order). The FPDCC would also like to amend the contract to include an additional task related to land acquisition planning in southeast Cook County, a task that should not exceed \$50,000 in value and is within the current budget for the contract.

This amendment applies to the existing task order, which was initially approved by the Board of Commissioners on 12/31/2016 and is valid through the end of calendar year 2017. All other details of the contract remain unchanged.

Item Number: 16-0459

Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact

Account(s): Natural & Cultural Master Plan 51009.521860, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, 51025, 2012 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51026, 2015 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51057, Construction and Development Fund.

District(s): Districtwide

Original Text of Item:

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): (1) Assess options for a more robust measurement of restoration success based on the newly established monitoring protocol and baseline monitoring data acquired over the past year. (2) Produce a time lapse video documenting land use changes in Cook County. (3) Assess existing District ordinances and those of other land

management agencies to recommend improvements to ordinances to ensure protection of the District's valuable natural and archaeological resources. (4) Continue to conduct and publish a deer impact assessment specific to the Forest Preserve District which will describe the history, conservation, and current role of deer in District natural areas. (5) Continue prioritization of hydrological threats to sites and propose strategies for mitigating their impacts. (6) Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources. (7) Research and publish a report regarding the benefits versus the pollution-based impacts of prescribed burning, (8) Research and develop a strategic plan for land acquisition and restoration in Southeast Cook County.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2017

Contract period: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2017

Accounts: 09-6759 Natural & Cultural Master Plan and 09-6750 Habitat Restoration Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Potential Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, 51025, 2012 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51026, 2015 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51057, Construction and Development Fund.

Contract Number(s): FPD 2014-01101

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This Contract (Task Order) is for natural resource prioritization, research, policy analysis, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement from 10/1/2013 to 12/31/2018 with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. The Plan informs and prioritizes natural and cultural resource restoration management. As agreed by the Board on 10/1/2013, funding of subsequent work with the Prairie Research Institute is to be approved on a year to year basis.

The Forest Preserves now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.