



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Department of Resource Management

**Vendor:** Meru Corporation, Niles, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to extend and increase contract

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional services contract with Meru Corporation for construction of a water control and fish passage system at Powderhorn Lake utilizing grant funding received from Audubon Great Lakes via the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**Original Contract Period:** 11/15/2021 - 6/20/2022; Administrative Extension 6/21/2022 - 6/20/2023

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 6/21/2023 (retroactive) - 7/31/2024

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$845,774.50

**Original Approval:** 7/27/2021, \$845,774.50

**Previous Increase(s):** N/A

**This Increase Requested:** Not to exceed \$265,000.00, in accordance with supplemental match for construction services previously approved by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/15/2022 in association with the grant (Board Item No. 22-0496).

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2023 \$200,000.00, FY 2024 \$65,000.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51030.520840; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521314 and 51010.521444

**Contract Number(s):** #74000009403 issued under Project #21-31-109

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**District(s):** 4

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") is requesting authority to extend contract

#7400009403 with Meru Corporation for construction services related to a grant-funded hydrologic restoration project at Powderhorn Lake. The proposed extension is required to complete the reconnection of the northern marsh of Powderhorn Lake to Wolf Lake and final soil grading. Construction itself is substantially complete but experienced significant delays due to a combination of wet site conditions and issues related to the reengineering and permitting of an undisclosed pipeline.

Up to \$300,000.00 in match was previously authorized by the Forest Preserves of Cook County Board of Commissioners on 11/15/2022 (Board Item No. 22-0496) to be expensed as grant match to account for supplemental engineering design and construction services outside of the original scope of work. \$265,000.00 of this amount was allocated for construction. Upon completion, the project will provide a mechanism for restoring natural water levels to Powderhorn Lake and adjacent wetlands that support habitat for native and migratory marsh birds and promote movement of a greater diversity of fish species throughout the water system.