



Legislation Text

File #: 18-0302, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Living Habitats, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Habitat enhancement consultation services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$5,000,000.00 annually in conjunction with project numbers 18-31-101N, 18-31-101C, and 18-31-101S from December 1 to November 30, or \$25,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term

Contract period: 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2019 \$275,000.00, FY 2020 \$275,000.00, FY 2021 \$275,000.00, FY 2022 \$275,000.00, FY 2023 \$275,000.00

Accounts: Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452 and 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51055.521444, 51056.521444, 51057.521444 and 51058.521444, EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456 and 51058.521456, Vegetation Management 51009.521455 and 51058.521455, Intern Programs 51009.521525 and 51058.521525, Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, Site Amenities 51009.560060, 51055.560060, 51056.560060 and 51057.560060

Contract Number(s): 74000003826

Concurrences:

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Project #18-31-101 consists of comprehensive habitat enhancement services which encompass a variety of tasks, including the assessment and execution of land management work to restore the Forest Preserves natural habitat. Work will involve restoration at high quality sites which require a greater degree of specialization. Living Habitats submitted a proposal to provide environmental consultation services that will inform work to address issues including, but not limited to, invasive species management, prescribed burning, and ecological and hydrological assessment throughout the Forest Preserves. The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals, and received a total of eight (8) responses for this project.

The Forest Preserves assembled a review panel which consisted of various Forest Preserve staff and outside experts that considered Living Habitats' proposal one of the most responsive in terms of the consulting aspect, with particular strengths in experience, expertise, and performance capacity as it relates to the work as detailed in the specifications.

Proposals were evaluated on their experience and expertise with similar projects, proposed approach, cost proposal, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Living Habitats is 1 of 4 vendors selected to perform services under this contract.

This contract will assist in advancing the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to restore 30,000 acres to ecological health.