



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Facilities and Fleet

Vendor: Ameresco, Inc., Framingham, Massachusetts

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Energy Consultant Services for Natural Gas and Electricity for Forest Preserves-Owned & Leased Facilities

Contract Value: \$210,000.00

Contract period: 11/1/2020 - 9/30/2023, with one (1) two-year renewal option

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2020 \$12,000.00, FY 2021 \$70,000.00, FY 2022 \$70,000.00, FY 2023 \$58,000.00

Accounts: Electricity and Natural Gas 51001.540024

Contract Number(s): 74000008367 (County Contract No. 1923-18043)

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Ameresco, Inc. will provide energy consultant, procurement, bill payment and data management services for the procurement of and budgeting for electricity, natural gas, and renewable energy for Forest Preserves facilities. Due to deregulated energy markets, the Forest Preserves can seek energy supply from multiple sources, which may result in operational savings. Due to the complexity and number of Forest Preserves accounts, it is in the best interest of the Forest Preserves to use a subject matter expert to assist the Forest Preserves.

Ameresco's fee for the services provided is assessed as a percentage of the amount of energy procured for the Forest Preserves. In addition, the data management and bill consolidation/validation process are flat annual fees per account. This contract is awarded through a publicly advertised Request for Proposals (RFP) issued on behalf of both Cook County and the Forest Preserves. On 9/24/2020, Cook County awarded a contract to Ameresco for similar services (County Agenda No. 20-3981).

With approval of the agreement herein, it is respectfully requested that the General Superintendent be authorized to execute, on behalf of the Forest Preserves, all documents necessary to implement and administer the electricity and natural gas service agreement.