



Legislation Text

File #: 15-0607, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Restoration at Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve

Contract Value: \$1,120,838.00

Contract period: Sixty (60) months from date of execution

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$1,120,838.00

Accounts: Habitat Mitigation, 10-6750 and Habitat Restoration, 09-6750

Contract Number(s): 15-31-112

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): 17

Summary: Contract #15-31-112 consists of the large-scale restoration of approximately 366 acres at Cranberry Slough Nature Preserve, providing targeted brush removal and control of invasive species in prioritized zones within the Nature Preserve and adjoining sites.

The Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Preserves") assembled a review panel comprised of various Forest Preserve staff, which determined Homer Environmental, LLC, Inc.'s proposal to be the most responsible and responsive, with particular strengths in experience, proposed approach, cost, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Five (5) proposals were received.

The restoration work performed by this contract achieves progress towards the Preserves goal of restoring 30,000 acres by 2040, as mandated by the Next Century Conservation Plan in 2014. The Palos block, which includes Cranberry Slough, was identified by the Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan as the number one priority for restoration in the Preserves.