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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

**Department(s):** Office of the General Superintendent

**Vendor:** Equal Opportunity and Access, LLC, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** ADA compliance

**Original Contract Period:** 6/17/2016 - 6/16/2017

**Proposed Contract Period Extension:** 8/16/2020 - 12/31/2020

**Previous Board Increase(s) or Extension(s):** Administrative Extension 6/15/2017 (6/16/2017 - 8/15/2017); Board Approved 7/20/2017 (8/16/2017 - 8/15/2018); Board Approved 11/13/2018 (8/16/2018 - 8/15/2019); Administrative Extension 8/16/2019 - 8/15/2020

**Total Current Contract Amount Authority:** \$133,700.00

**Original Approval:** 6/17/2016, \$49,700.00

**Previous Increase(s):** 7/20/2017, \$44,000.00; 11/13/2018, \$40,000.00

**This Increase Requested:** N/A

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520835

**Contract Number(s):** #74000003721 issued under RFP specifications 15-10-103

**Concurrences:**

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via full MWBE waiver, approved by the Cook County Waiver Committee.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The extension of this agreement will assist the Forest Preserves with maintaining and improving accessibility within the Forest Preserves. Since 2016, the vendor has assisted the Forest Preserves with the following: (1) a Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan; (2) updating the District's barrier removal plan for making properties within the Forest Preserves more accessible; (3) development and implementation of staff training plans; (4) the management of the ADA Advisory committee; (5) outreach strategies and improvements in communication and marketing to the disability

community; and (6) programmatic improvements. While the Forest Preserves intended to issue a Request for Proposals in 2019, the contract was extended due to ongoing projects. Due to the COVID-19 impact on day-to-day operations, the ability to close out projects has been significantly impacted and delayed. Next year, the Forest Preserves intends to issue a Request for Proposals if it determines that obtaining the same or similar services is advisable.