



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED BID RECOMMENDATION**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD RANDALL, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserves of Cook County (the "Forest Preserves") to enter into a contract with Homer Tree Service, Lockport, Illinois.

**Reason:** The Forest Preserves desires to remove approximately 1.8 acres of tree and brush across rare dune and swale habitat, promoting the growth of native ground-layer vegetation that is currently at great risk of decreased diversity and site extirpation due to alien competition and low light levels. A grant award has been received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$43,000.00 with a \$43,000.00 local match to support such restoration activities at Wentworth Woods in Calumet City, Illinois. These USFWS grant funds are provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Homer Tree Service was the lowest, most responsible of the seven (7) bidders.

**Bid Opening Date:** 1/23/2015

#### **Bid Results:**

1. Homer Tree Service, \$137,650.00
2. Trees "R" Us, \$143,374.00
3. Pizzo & Associates, \$256,244.53
4. Conservation Land Stewardship, \$264,233.00
5. Tallgrass Restoration, \$276,745.00
6. Clean Cut Tree Service, \$353,021.19
7. JGE, Inc., \$2,750,000.00

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$137,650.00

**Contract Period:** 2/11/2015 - 11/1/2016

**Account Name/Number:** Habitat Enhancement 09-915-6755, Potential Grant Match & Work Fund 09-915-6757 and Habitat Enhancement 10-6755

**District:** District 4

**Concurrence(s):**

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

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