



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Various vendors establishing a vendor pool for aquatic vegetation control services, listed below:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>
74000014168	Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., Waukegan, Illinois
74000014176	BS&T, Inc. dba McCloud Aquatics, Elburn, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services agreements for aquatic vegetation control services at Forest Preserves lakes and waterbodies

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$100,000.00 annually (or \$500,000.00 over the five (5) year term) across all contract numbers listed above.

Contract Period: 6/11/2024 - 4/30/2029

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2024 \$50,000.00, FY 2025 \$100,000.00, FY 2026 \$100,000.00, FY 2027 \$100,000.00, FY 2028 \$100,000.00, FY 2029 \$50,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51034.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020; Fisheries Management 51001.521448; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000014168 and #74000014176 issued under RFP #24-31-105

Concurrences: The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreements are subject to legal review and approval.

The vendors have met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance provisions via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #24-31-105) seeking firms to perform aquatic herbicide lake treatments at the Forest Preserves’ forty-two (42) recreational lakes and other waterbodies. These services supplement in-house aquatic vegetation control treatments conducted by the Forest Preserves annually to meet the aesthetic and recreational needs of the public and limit the proliferation of nuisance and/or invasive vegetation on its waterbodies.

A total of two (2) proposals were received under the RFP, both of which were found to be responsive. Proposals were evaluated based on experience and expertise with similar projects, application methodology, material and labor costs, and

capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Work will be issued based on overall cost and ability to promptly respond to treatment needs.

A contract for aquatic vegetation control services was previously approved per Board Item No. 22-0303. This contract was executed and intended to be valid through 2027. However, before any work could be completed under the contract, the vendor was acquired by another company that did not wish to participate and the contract was subsequently terminated.