



Legislation Text

File #: 20-0422, **Version:** 2

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Legal Department

Vendors:

Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, Dicianni & Krafthefer, P.C. - Chicago, Illinois
Brothers & Thompson, P.C. - Chicago, Illinois
DeVore Radunsky Miller Berger LLC - Chicago, Illinois
Franczek P.C. - Chicago, Illinois
Gildea Coghlan & Regan, Ltd. - Western Springs, Illinois
Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP - Chicago, Illinois
Jackson Lewis P.C. - Chicago, Illinois
Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd. - Chicago, Illinois
Laner Muchin, Ltd. - Chicago, Illinois
Miller Canfield - Chicago, Illinois
Neal & Leroy, LLC - Chicago, Illinois
Odelson, Sterk, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd. - Evergreen Park, Illinois
Robbin Schwartz - Chicago, Illinois
Tristan & Cervantes, LLC - Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Legal services from outside legal counsel to be performed within the following categories of matters: Litigation, Labor & Employment (including related litigation and workers compensation), Land Use, and General Local Government Law.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$3,200,000.00

Contract Period: Date of execution - 12/31/2023, with two (2) optional one-year extensions

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2021 \$1,200,000.00, FY 2022 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2023 \$1,000,000.00

Accounts: Corporate 51001.521055; Self-Insurance 51011.580011; and Real Estate 51006.521055

Contract Number(s): 20-60-005335

Concurrences:

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

The contract-specific MWBE goal for each contract was set to zero.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The specified law firms have been selected through the Forest Preserves' Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process. Three of the responding firms are certified Minority-Owned Business Enterprises via the City of Chicago: Brothers & Thompson, P.C., Neal & Leroy, LLC, and Tristan & Cervantes, LLC. Also, several respondents noted that they have programs designed to include minority and women representation on matters.

Contracts for legal services are to be performed upon request of the Forest Preserves, subject to the negotiation and execution of a retention letter by the Forest Preserves' Legal Department. Legal fees for authorized work are subject to approval by the Forest Preserves' Finance Subcommittee on Litigation and Board of Commissioners.