



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Green Business Certification Inc., Washington DC

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional Services Agreement to certify compliance with United States Green Building Council, Inc.'s (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program for Swallow Cliff Warming Shelter and Rolling Knolls Visitor Center.

**Contract Value:** \$8,400.00

**Contract period:** 5/10/2016 until termination

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** \$8,400.00 to be fully reimbursed through grants.

**Accounts:** General Consulting Accounts, 25-6740, 52-6740, 54-6740, 55-6740, 56-6740 and 09-6740

**Contract Number(s):** 13-80-01 G7R2 and 13-80-01 G7R3

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 15 and 17

**Summary:** The US Green Building Council requires LEED certification applicants to work with its licensee, Green Business Certification Inc. to review project specifics for compliance with and determination of the level of LEED certification. Swallow Cliff Woods Visitor Center is anticipated to receive Silver Level Certification and Rolling Knolls Visitor Center is anticipated to receive Gold Level Certification. Because this is a multi-year agreement, Board approval is required. This contract is a form contract and as such the terms are extremely favorable to Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI). The contract is subject to mandatory arbitration in the District of Columbia and governed by the laws of the District of Columbia. The Forest Preserve is specifically obligated to indemnify GBCI for GBCI's negligence. Recourse under this contract for the Forest Preserves is limited. Costs associated with this certification are reimbursable through an Illinois Clean Energy & Community Foundation grant that has already been awarded to the Preserves.