



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Straughn Farm, Inc., Peotone, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Hay Farming

Contract Value: \$760.00

Contract period: 3/19/2019 - 12/31/2022

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Generation of up to \$760.00

Accounts: Revenue Generating

Contract Number(s): 19RM 101

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 6

Summary: Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserves. This practice allows the Forest Preserves to generate revenue, while simultaneously preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Forest Preserves' intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to retain manageable conditions until a restoration project can take place, on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with three (3) one-year renewal options, which gives the Forest Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Straughn Farm, Inc. was the sole bidder and responsible bidder for the two (2) locations listed below for a total potential revenue generation over the next four (4) years of \$760.00.

Site	Acres	Revenue
King's Grove Woods	35	\$175.00
Plum Creek	117	\$585.00
Total	152	\$760.00