



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 15-0246, **Version:** 1

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

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

**Vendor:** Lakota, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Planning, architectural & engineering services to prepare a Gateway Master Plan and Design Guidelines

**Contract Value:** \$226,624.00

**Contract period:** 4/14/2015 - 9/30/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2015 \$51,948.00 (\$27,073.00 Grant; \$24,875.00 Corporate Funds); FY 2016 \$174,676.00 (Grant Funds)

**Accounts:** General Consulting Services Grant Account 10-6740 and 01-6217 Other Professional Services Account

**Contract Number(s):** 15-80-09

**Concurrences:**

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

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

**Summary:** Job 15-80-09 includes professional services to develop an overall Gateway Plan, conduct focus groups, prepare individual concept plans for ten (10) priority Gateway Sites and more detailed construction plans for five (5) priority sites.

The Forest Preserves 2013 Centennial Campaign Plan recommended branding unique forest preserve facilities as “gateway sites” to attract new visitors and offer guests distinctive experiences. Gateway Sites have existing special features that attract and invite visitors, including nature centers, campgrounds, recreation areas and unique interpretative sites.

Grant funding will pay for the majority of the scope of work. (See related Board item 15-0257). The Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) was awarded a grant from the Center for Disease Control (CDC)’s Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) grant program toward the development of their Healthy Hotspot initiative. The Forest Preserves, as subgrantee, and its consultant will focus on increasing access to physical activities by improving signage and wayfinding at selected gateway sites.

The Forest Preserve District Board received six (6) proposals for the project. The Lakota Group, along with subcontractors Bluestone + Associates, Carol Naughton + Associates, the Chicago Public Art Group, WRD Environmental, Environmental Design International, Milhouse Engineering & O’Brien Associates, were determined to

have submitted the most responsive and responsible proposal, particularly related to their relevant experience, effective utilization of subcontractors and capacity to do the work.