



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Friends of the Forest Preserves, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corps internship program will engage high school students and adult leaders in hands-on ecological restoration work at sites throughout the Preserves

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$900,000.00 over three years

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 12/31/2016

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$300,000.00 in a calendar year

**Accounts:** Interns Programs 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**Summary:** Contract 13-31-118 consists of an internship program focused on ecological restoration throughout the Preserves. The Preserve received nine (9) proposals for this project. Friends of the Forest Preserves and their team, including the Student Conservation Association, was determined to have submitted one of the most responsive and responsible proposals submitted.

The Preserves assembled a review panel which consisted of various Preserve staff that considered Friends of the Forest Preserves proposal one of the most responsive including particular strengths in experience, expertise and performance capacity as it relates to the work as requested in the proposal. The Chicago Conservation Leadership Corp internship program will engage approximately forty (40) high school students and nine (9) adult leaders in hands-on ecological restoration activities including invasive species control through various removal methods. The program is an intensive six week paid internship over the summer that will promote stewardship of natural lands by the next generation of conservation leaders through ecologically based educational activities, conservation awareness, hands-on restoration and enjoyment of the forest preserves.