



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: City of Chicago, Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Green industry job training program, GreenCorps Chicago, focused on ecological restoration and forestry work.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 over three years

Contract period: Date of execution to 12/31/2017

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$400,000.00 in a fiscal year

Accounts: Intern Program 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 a green industry jobs training program called GreenCorps Chicago. The Preserve received nine (9) proposals for this project. ~~Audubon Chicago Region and their team, including Citizens for Conservation~~ GreenCorps Chicago, 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 the City of Chicago, Department of Transportation's 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. GreenCorps Chicago provides re-entry opportunities and skills to unemployed individuals in landscaping, horticulture, tree care, ecological restoration and prescribed burning. GreenCorps Chicago will undertake assigned ecological restoration and habitat enhancement projects. Additionally, GreenCorps Chicago will work directly with Preserve Resource Management and Trails crews to provide further experience in forestry work and prescribed fire