



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Rietveld Brothers, Crete, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Row crop farming

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$14,400.00 (over 5 years)

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 127R

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** The Preserves is letting a contract for row crop production at select sites which were historically used for agricultural purposes prior to acquisition by the Preserves, and as such, do not exist in an ecologically natural state. Farmers will have use of the property for seeding one or more of the following row crops: wheat, oats, soybeans, and/or corn. This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve's intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for row crop farming is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Rietveld Brothers was the highest responsible bidder for row crop site #3RC, Sauk Village Addition, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$14,400.00. Rietveld Brothers was the sole bidder for this site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Sauk Village Addition	28.8	\$14,400.00