



Legislation Text

File #: 21-0421, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: AltusWorks, Inc., Chicago, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Professional services for architectural and engineering design of Caldwell Woods Wellness Studio and related site improvements

Contract Value: \$167,490.00

Contract Period: 10/5/2021 - 12/31/2023

Estimated Fiscal Impact: \$167,490.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51009.520830, 51010.520830, 51029.520830, 51051.520830, and 51030.520830

Contract Number(s): #74000009733 issued under Project #21-80-28

Summary: Caldwell Woods is part of the Caldwell Preserves, one (1) of twelve (12) priority gateway sites that are the focus of planning and improvements to welcome visitors and improve access and wayfinding. Planning meetings in 2015 identified the need to activate and repurpose the existing Caldwell Woods Warming Shelter into a year-round facility. A \$1.2 million grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC) will provide 75% of the estimated cost to convert the building to a "Welcome & Wellness Center" and improve access, landscaping and information signage.

Building renovations would include a new entrance, new welcome desk, redesigned and refreshed interior spaces, and energy-efficient lighting and HVAC system replacements. Site enhancements would include access improvements, outdoor gathering spaces, and signage.

Ten (10) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and found AltusWorks, Inc to be the most responsive.

Concurrences:

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

The Vendor has met the Minority- and Women-owned Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions via direct participation.

District(s): 9