

Forest Preserve District of Cook County

118 North Clark Chicago, IL 60602

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Title: PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Straughn Farms, Peotone, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Hay farming

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Accounts: Revenue Generating

Contract Number(s): 15-31-109

Concurrences:

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

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Total 404 \$20,872.50

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