



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): (1) Prioritize hydrological threats and propose strategies for mitigating their impacts to sites. (2) Assess quality of 20+ additional sites and prioritize according to their potential for future restoration. (3) Expand and improve functionality of document management system, incorporating natural and cultural resource documentation for additional sites. (4) Conduct and publish a deer impact assessment specific to the Forest Preserve District. (5) Update historic amphibian surveys at select sites, providing baseline data for future restoration. (6) Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2016

Contract period: 10/1/2013 execution until 12/31/2016

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$500,000.00 for calendar year 2016

Accounts: 09-6759 Natural & Cultural Master Plan and 09-6750 Habitat Restoration

Contract Number(s): FPD 2014-01101

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: This Contract (Task Order) is for second-tier natural resource prioritization, document management services, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$500,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan. The Plan informs and prioritizes natural and cultural resource restoration management. As agreed by the Board on 10/1/2013, funding of subsequent work with the Prairie Research Institute is to be approved on a year to year basis.

The Forest Preserve now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.