



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Audubon Chicago Region, Chicago, Illinois

Request: Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to extend contract

Good(s) or Service(s): Internship program focused on ecological restoration throughout the Preserves. The internship provides hands-on experience in the field of ecological restoration and forestry.

Original Contract Period: 2/18/2014 - 12/31/2016

Proposed Contract Period Extension: 1/1/2017 - 12/31/2017

Total Current Contract Amount Authority: \$900,000.00

Original Approval: 2/18/2014

Previous Increase(s): N/A

This Increase Requested: \$300,000.00

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2017 \$300,000.00

Accounts: 09-6758 Intern Programs, 09-6750 Habitat Restoration, 09-6755 Habitat Enhancement, 09-6757 Potential Grant Match & Work, Grant Accounts 10-5800, 10-6750 and 10-6757

Contract Number(s): 13-31-118

Concurrences:

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

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: Agreement #13-31-118 consists of the engagement of young adults from urban and diverse communities to perform habitat enhancement and ecological restoration projects on Forest Preserves of Cook County grasslands, wetlands, and woodland habitats with the goals of restoring the land to ecological health, introducing environmental science/conservation as a potential career, and to foster a lifelong appreciation of nature. The original 3-year contract was approved by the Board on 2/18/2014 and expires 12/31/2016. The Preserves would like to extend Contract #13-31-118 for an additional twelve (12) months. A new RFQ will be issued in the third quarter of 2017.

This program advances the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan.