



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ITEM AMENDMENT

**Department:** Resource Management

**Request:** Authorization for the Forest Preserve District of Cook County to utilize additional accounts for work assigned with Green Industry job training program, GreenCorps Chicago, focused on ecological restoration and forestry work.

Additional accounts are being added to accommodate departmental work that may be covered under this contract. The contract was originally approved by the Board of Commissioners on 2/18/2014. All other details of the contract remain unchanged.

Contract #13-31-118 consists of a green industry training program called, GeenCorps Chicago. The Preserves received nine (9) proposals for this project. GreenCorps Chicago was determined to have submitted one of the most responsive and responsible proposals.

**Item Number:** 14-0079

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Account(s):** Intern Program 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750, Recreation (Landscape Improvements) 51025.560055, 51026.560055, 51009.560055, 51055.560055, 51056.560055, 51057.560055 and Grant Account 51010.560055

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Original Text of Item:**

**Presented by:** ARNOLD L. RANDALL, General Superintendent

### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** City of Chicago, Department of Transportation, Chicago, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Green industry job training program, GreenCorps Chicago, focused on ecological restoration and

forestry work.

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 over three years

**Contract period:** Date of execution to 12/31/2017

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Not to exceed \$400,000.00 in a fiscal year

**Accounts:** Intern Program 09-6758, Habitat Restoration 09-6750, Recreation (Landscape Improvements) 51025.560055, 51026.560055, 51009.560055, 51055.560055, 51056.560055, 51057.560055 and Grant Account 51010.560055

**Contract Number(s):** 13-31-118

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor is in good standing with the State of Illinois.

**Summary:** Contract 13-31-118 consists of a green industry jobs training program called GreenCorps Chicago. The Preserve received nine (9) proposals for this project. GreenCorps Chicago was determined to have submitted one of the most responsive and responsible proposals submitted.

The Preserves assembled a review panel which consisted of various Preserve staff that considered the City of Chicago, Department of Transportation's proposal one of the most responsive including particular strengths in experience, expertise and performance capacity as it relates to the work as requested in the proposal. GreenCorps Chicago provides re-entry opportunities and skills to unemployed individuals in landscaping, horticulture, tree care, ecological restoration and prescribed burning. GreenCorps Chicago will undertake assigned ecological restoration and habitat enhancement projects. Additionally, GreenCorps Chicago will work directly with Preserve Resource Management and Trails crews to provide further experience in forestry work and prescribed fire