



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Mark Hansen, Crete, Illinois

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

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

**Contract Value:** N/A

**Contract period:** 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Revenue generation of up to \$28,725.00

**Accounts:** N/A

**Contract Number(s):** 17RM 115

**Concurrences:**

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

**District(s):** 6

**Summary:** Historically, hay farming has taken place on land owned by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (the "Preserves"). This practice allows the Preserves to generate revenue, while at the same time preventing invasive plant species from taking over fallow land. It is the Preserve's intention to restore fallow land wherever possible and these farming practices are a good method to keep these lands in a more manageable condition until a restoration project can take place on the site. The contract term for hay cutting is a period of one (1) year, with four (4) one-year renewal options to be exercised by the General Superintendent or his/her designee, which gives the Preserves the option to discontinue farming practices in order to restore these lands to a natural condition.

Mark Hansen was the highest responsible bidder for the two (2) locations listed below, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$28,725.00. Mark Hansen was the sole bidder for each site.

Site	Acres	Revenue
Zander/Jurgensen	51	\$8,925.00
North Creek Meadow	99	\$19,800.00
<b>Total:</b>	150	\$28,725.00