



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Resource Management

Vendor: Kopping Farms, Lemont, 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 \$18,715.00

Accounts: N/A

Contract Number(s): 17RM 115

Concurrences:

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

District(s): 17

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.

Kopping Farms was the highest responsible bidder of the two (2) bidders for hay site #5, Morrill Meadow, hay site #6, Duffy Preserve, and hay site #12, Holy Family Villa, for a total potential revenue generation over the next five (5) years of \$18,715.00

Bid Results:

Duffy Preserve (50 acres)

1. Kopping Farms, \$10,250.00
2. Hendrix Agri Power, \$6,812.50

Holy Family Villa (33 acres)

1. Kopping Farms, \$7,590.00

2. Hendrix Agri Power, \$4,496.25

Morrill Meadow (25 acres)

1. ~~Hendrix Agri Power, \$3,406.25 *~~
2. Kopping Farms, \$875.00

*Hendrix Agri Power rescinded their bid due to logistical issues related to equipment moving and the small size of this parcel.