



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 (“the Preserves”) to enter into and execute

Good(s) or Service(s): 1. Develop a comprehensive monitoring plan integrating established priorities and protocols to devise strategies for collecting needed data specific to restoration units on appropriate timescales, managing and analyzing that data, and using the resulting information to help drive management decisions. 2. Develop a web-based tool for displaying restoration progress and communicating results to broader audiences. 3. Produce a document summarizing five (5) years of progress in work between the Preserves and the Prairie Research Institute and how this work contributes to the Next Century Conservation Plan. 4. Continue site surveys and cataloguing of cultural resources. 5. Complete archaeological collections databases, reports, and geodatabases. 6. Perform desk evaluations of additional habitat restoration projects on archaeological resources. 7. Consult on interpretive signage for Gateway Sites and installation of signs raising public awareness of cultural resources contained within the Forest Preserves. 8. Host an archaeological internship program for six (6) individuals with a focus on field and lab work training. 9. Manage event stations at four (4) public events. 10. Assist with the design of an archaeological display stationed at a Nature Center, including analysis and research of relevant artifacts, signage and display content, and installation. 11. Conduct tours of archaeological sites, as needed. 12. Develop content related to the Forest Preserves’ cultural resources for advertisement on the Forest Preserve website and interactive map. 13. Develop pamphlets or other materials for self-guided archaeological tours.

Contract Value: Not to exceed \$300,000.00 for calendar year 2018

Contract period: 1/9/2018 - 12/31/2018

Estimated Fiscal Impact: Not to exceed \$300,000.00 for calendar year 2018

Accounts: Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452, Natural and Cultural Resources Master Plan 51009.520825, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation accounts: 51010.29982 and 51010.22522 Capital Improvement Bonds Fund, 51025 - 2012, Capital Improvement Bonds Fund 51026 - 2015, Construction and Development Funds 51057 and 51058

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 natural resource prioritization, research, policy analysis, and other related resource preservation activities. The estimated contract amount is not to exceed \$300,000.00.

On 10/1/2013, the Board of Commissioners authorized the Forest Preserves to enter into and execute an Intergovernmental Agreement from 10/1/2013 to 12/31/2018 with the Prairie Research Institute of the University of Illinois for the purpose of developing a Natural and Cultural Resources Management Plan, and to perform work pursuant to that plan on an annual basis. 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 Preserves now desire to enter into a new Task Order to complete such work.