



## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 18-0301, **Version:** 1

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Resource Management

**Vendor:** Pizzo & Associates, Leland, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Comprehensive habitat enhancement services, South region

**Contract Value:** Not to exceed a combined total of \$5,000,000.00 annually in conjunction with project numbers 18-31-101, 18-31-101N, and 18-31-101C from December 1 to November 30, or \$25,000,000.00 over the five (5) year term

**Contract period:** 12/1/2018 - 11/30/2023

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2019 \$1,575,000.00, FY 2020 \$1,575,000.00, FY 2021 \$1,575,000.00, FY 2022 \$1,575,000.00, FY 2023 \$1,575,000.00

**Accounts:** Habitat Enhancement 51009.521452 and 51058.521452, Habitat Restoration 51009.521444, 51055.521444, 51056.521444, 51057.521444 and 51058.521444, EAB Tree Removal 51009.521456 and 51058.521456, Vegetation Management 51009.521455 and 51058.521455, Intern Programs 51009.521525 and 51058.521525, Grant Match and Work Fund 51009.521440, Mitigation 51010.29982 and 51010.22522, Site Amenities 51009.560060, 51055.560060, 51056.560060 and 51057.560060

**Contract Number(s):** 74000003825

**Concurrences:**

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

The Vendor has met the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Ordinance Provisions.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** Project #18-31-101S consists of comprehensive habitat enhancement services including, but not limited to invasive species management, prescribed burning, and ecological and hydrological repair throughout the Forest Preserves south region. Work will involve restoration at high quality sites which require a high degree of specialization. The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals, and received a total of eight (8) responses for this project.

The Forest Preserves assembled a review panel which consisted of various Forest Preserve staff and outside experts that considered Pizzo & Associates' proposal one of the most responsive, with particular strengths in experience, expertise, and performance capacity as it relates to the work as detailed in the specifications. Proposals were evaluated on their experience and expertise with similar projects, proposed approach, cost proposal, and capacity to perform all aspects of the work. Pizzo & Associates is 1 of 4 vendors selected to perform services under this contract.

This contract is critical to advancing the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to restore 30,000 acres to

ecological health.