



## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED CONTRACT

**Department(s):** Department of Planning and Development

**Vendor:** Applied Research Associates, Inc., Champaign, Illinois

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Professional Services Agreement to develop a systematic approach and the collection of baseline data for regular inspection and evaluation of trail and parking lot conditions including bridges, underpasses, road crossings, and wayfinding signs.

**Contract Value:** \$330,000.00

**Contract period:** 6/25/2019-9/30/2020

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** Base Contract: \$330,000.00 (with \$240,000.00 to be reimbursed by grant).

**Accounts:** Consulting and Management Services 51009.520860, 51051.520860, 51055.520860, 51056.520860, 51057.520860; Future 51058.520860 and Grant 51010.520860

**Contract Number(s):** Contract #7400006073 issued under Request for Proposal #18-80-65

**Concurrences:**

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

The vendor has met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves has accepted a Statewide Planning and Research Program ("SPR") grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation ("IDOT") for up to \$240,000.00 that was approved by the Board in 2018 (Agenda Item 18-0397). A Request for Proposals was issued in May 2019 to perform trail and parking lot condition inventory and evaluation studies throughout the Forest Preserves with the development of a long-term pavement management program. Three (3) firms submitted proposals. A selection committee reviewed the proposals and found Applied Research Associates, Inc. to be the best suited for the unique challenges of the study.

The proposed project will result in new tools to collect routine user counts, selection of an infrastructure management database, and the collection of baseline data. It will also allow the Forest Preserves to conduct a gap analysis in the regional and sub-regional trail network, assist in the implementation of a performance-based trail maintenance and improvement program and advance the development of a Trail Capital Improvement Plan..