



## Legislation Text

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Department of Finance and Administration

**Vendor:** Colette Holt & Associates, San Antonio, Texas

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

**Good(s) or Service(s):** Disparity Study

**Contract Value:** \$197,275.00

**Contract Period:** 2/24/2021 - 8/27/2022

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** FY 2021 \$140,000.00, FY 2022 \$57,275.00

**Accounts:** Professional Services 51001.520830

**Contract Number(s):** #74000008775

#### **Concurrences:**

The Chief Financial Officer has approved this item. Final agreement is subject to legal review and approval.

The contract-specific Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise goal for this contract was set to zero.

**District(s):** Districtwide

**Summary:** The Forest Preserves requests authorization to enter into and execute a contract with Colette Holt & Associates ("CHA") to conduct a disparity study. The study will review the operation of the Forest Preserves' Minority- and Women-Owned Business Program to determine whether the Forest Preserves has a continuing compelling interest in remedying discrimination against minority- and women-owned business enterprises in its marketplace. This is a sole source procurement. CHA specializes in conducting disparity studies in the United States. CHA previously performed disparity studies in 2015 for various governmental entities which serve Cook County and its marketplace, including Cook County government, Cook County Health and Hospitals System, and the Forest Preserves. On 7/30/2020, the Cook County Board of Commissioners authorized a subsequent contract with CHA on a sole source basis (Cook County Agenda No. 20-3073).