



Legislation Text

File #: 23-0212, **Version:** 1

PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Planning and Development

Vendor: Trane U.S. Inc., Willowbrook, Illinois

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

Good(s) or Service(s): Heating and air conditioning equipment

Contract Value: \$439,803.00

Contract Period: One-time purchase

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$439,803.00

Accounts: Property Maintenance and Operations 51009.560105, 51010.560105 and 51033.560105

Contract Number(s): #74000011985 issued under Project #21-80-44VRF

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

Piggyback contract to a Public Sector Purchasing Consortium with no MWBE participation goals.

District(s): 9

Summary: The request to purchase very high efficiency (variable-refrigerant-flow) heating and cooling equipment is related to the proposed conversion of the Forest Preserves' General Headquarters (GHQ) building in River Forest from gas to electric systems by the fall of 2023. GHQ is one of the Forest Preserves' highest energy use buildings and its gas-fired boilers have reached the end of their useful life. A competitive construction bid opportunity for replacement of the old boilers with very-high-efficiency electric heating and cooling equipment will be posted in March with anticipated award in April. However, due to long manufacturing lead times for specialized very-high-efficiency equipment, the Forest Preserves is seeking to purchase this equipment sooner through a joint purchasing consortium (OMNIA Partners, Public Sector) contract (Racine #3341) with Trane U.S. Inc. for the equipment. The Trane U.S. Inc. contract was awarded through a competitive process. Staff are also seeking approval to purchase related specialized ventilation equipment that is not offered by the OMNIA Partners consortium through a separate sole source contract (Board Item No. 23-0213). Advance purchase of both types of equipment is necessary to ensure conversion of the heating system before next winter.