



Legislation Text

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PROPOSED CONTRACT

Department(s): Department of Resource Management

Vendor: Various contractors establishing a Habitat Enhancement Contracting vendor pool, listed below:

<u>Contract No.</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>
74000012593	Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, Schaumburg, Illinois
74000012594	Hey and Associates, Inc., Volo, Illinois
74000012595	Stantec Consulting Services, Inc., Lombard, Illinois
74000012596	Living Habitats, L.P., Chicago, Illinois
74000012597	Davey Resource Group, Inc., Elmhurst, Illinois
74000012598	Encap, Inc., DeKalb, Illinois
74000012599	V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, Illinois
74000012600	HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC, Bellaire, Texas (regional office located in Chicago, 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 agreements for comprehensive habitat enhancement services

Contract Value: Not to exceed a combined total of \$10,000,000.00 per twelve-month period (or \$60,000,000.00 over the six (6) year term) across all contract numbers listed above. The General Superintendent, or their designee, may adjust via contract amendment funding amounts allocated to each vendor at their discretion within the total \$60,000,000.00 not-to-exceed amount.

Contract Period: 12/1/2023 - 11/30/2029

Estimated Fiscal Impact: FY 2023 \$1,000,000.00, FY 2024 \$9,000,000.00, FY 2025 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2026 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2027 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2028 \$10,000,000.00, FY 2029 \$10,000,000.00

Accounts: Professional Services 51001.520830 and 51033.520840; Land Improvements 51033.560020 and 51009.560019; Special or Co-op Programs 51001.521313; Advertising and Promotional Services 51001.520610; Grant and Mitigation 51010.521444 and 51010.520840; and all future Professional Services, Land Improvements, and Grant and Mitigation accounts

Contract Number(s): #74000012593, #74000012594, #74000012595, #74000012596, #74000012597, #74000012598, #74000012599, and #74000012600

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

The vendors have met the Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Ordinance via direct participation.

District(s): Districtwide

Summary: The Forest Preserves issued a Request for Proposals (RFP #23-31-101) for comprehensive habitat enhancement services including, but not limited to invasive species management, prescribed burning, hydrologic design, nursery services, and general ecological consultation. These contracts are critical to achieving large-scale ecological restoration within the Forest Preserves and advancing the goals of the Next Century Conservation Plan to restore 30,000 acres to ecological health. Work will be implemented to improve natural areas across the Forest Preserves, including at quality or State-protected ecological sites which require a high degree of specialization. Task orders will be issued to vendors on an as-needed basis, with projects awarded based on price, work plan, skills, equipment, and availability.

The Forest Preserves is recommending awarding a contract to eight (8) out of nine (9) vendors that submitted proposals following a competitive process wherein each vendor was evaluated based on experience and expertise with similar land management projects, proposed approach, cost, and capacity to perform the work. This extensive vendor pool is necessary in order to maintain sufficient seasonal work capacity and accommodate the expansion of ecological restoration activities made possible through increased land management funding, as well as future potential grant and mitigation opportunities.