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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 6, 2017
MEMO TO: Carol Calabresa, Chair
Planning Committee
FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for the 2017 Native Seed Purchase for Kettle Grove, Lyons Woods and Lakewood (Schreiber) Forest Preserves to Genesis Nursery Inc., Tampico, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$28,267.39; and to Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, Minnesota, in the Contract Price of \$41,480.49.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2016/2017 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$585,775.00. One vendor with low bids under \$25,000.00 does not require Committee and Board approval (total \$550.00). Combined with these proposed contracts the total of \$70,297.88 will be spent on native seed for these three projects.

Funding will be charged to the Kettle Grove-Singing Hills CIP Project Account (20104100-803200-61504) in the amount of \$25,307.24, the Lakewood-Schreiber CIP Project Account (35634100-803200-61005) in the amount of \$36,554.90, and the Habitat Restoration Account (27644100-803200-60004) in the amount of \$8,435.75. This portion of the project was estimated at \$150,000.00.

BACKGROUND: The District will be installing native seed in fall 2017 at Kettle Grove, Lakewood, and Lyons Woods Forest Preserves as part of ongoing ecological restoration efforts. Seed installation will occur after invasive species control and additional preparations are completed by District staff and volunteers. Seed installation will occur across 50 acres.

The project was advertised on November 28, 2016 and 4 bids were received. A summary of the lowest bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Genesis Nursery Inc., Tampico, IL	\$ 28,267.39
Shooting Star Native Seeds, Spring Grove, MN	\$ 41,480.49
<u>SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS UNDER \$25,000.00</u>	
Spence Restoration Nursery, Muncie, IN	\$ 550.00

Materials were bid on a unit price per species. Staff has awarded a contract to Spence Restoration Nursery, accepting its low bids, which total less than \$25,000.00. Staff recommends that Genesis Nursery Inc. and Shooting Star Native Seeds each be awarded a contract as the lowest responsible bidder for the species for which it was the low bidder. The total of their low bids is greater than \$25,000.00, thus requiring Committee recommendation and Board approval of the contracts for those bids. Work is anticipated to begin and be completed in fall 2017.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Executive Director, Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Corporate Counsel

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE
2017 PURCHASE OF NATIVE SEED FOR KETTLE GROVE, LYONS WOODS AND
LAKEWOOD (SCHREIBER) FOREST PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids to purchase native seed for 2017 Habitat Restoration Projects at Kettle Grove, Lyons Woods and Lakewood Forest Preserves (the “Products”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on December 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Planning Committee have reviewed the bids identified on Exhibit A and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) Genesis Nursery Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the yellow highlighted bids on Exhibit A in the table column titled “Genesis Nursery, Inc.” (the “Genesis Nursery Inc. Bids”) and (ii) Shooting Star Native Seeds to be the lowest responsible bidder with respect to the yellow highlighted bids on Exhibit A in the table column titled “Shooting Star Native Seeds” (the “Shooting Star Native Seeds Bids”), and award contracts for the Products to those bidders consistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Genesis Nursery Inc. and Shooting Star Native Seeds are the lowest responsible bidders for the Products, as set forth in the previous clause;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois, **THAT**:

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The Genesis Inc. Nursery Bids in the total amount of \$28,267.39 (the “Genesis Nursery Inc. Contract Price”) are hereby accepted and a contract for the Products in the amount of the Genesis Nursery Inc. Contract Price is hereby awarded to Genesis Nursery Inc. (the “Genesis Nursery Inc. Contract”). The Shooting Star Native Seeds Bids in the total amount of \$41,480.49 (the “Shooting Star Native Seeds Contract Price”) are hereby accepted and a contract for the Products in the amount of the Shooting Star Native Seeds Contract Price is hereby awarded to Shooting Star Native Seeds (the “Shooting Star Native Seeds Contract”) (collectively, the Genesis Nursery Contract and the Shooting Star Native Seeds Contract are the “Contracts”).

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts in the amounts of the Genesis Nursery Inc. Contract Price and the Shooting Star Native Seeds Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The District Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts' terms.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2017

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2017

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

Exhibit A

Lake County Forest Preserves													
Native Seed Purchase 2017 - Kettle Grove, Lyons Woods, and Lakewood. RFB # 17022.													
Bid Results													
	Vendor:	Genesis Nursery, Inc.			Shooting Star Native Seeds			Spence Restoration Nursery			Taylor Creek Rest. Nurseries		
Species (Graminoids)	Qty. (PLS Lbs.)	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC
Bromus pubescens/purgans	94.52				A T2	168.00	15,879.36						
Carex brevior	3.13	A	80.00	250.40	A	158.00	494.54	A	89.00	278.57	A	224.00	701.12
Carex cephalophora	1.03												
Carex davisii	7.19												
Carex eburnea	1.25												
Carex gracilescens	5.63												
Carex grisea	7.19	A	450.00	3,235.50									
Carex hirsutella	4.69												
Carex hirtifolia	1.09												
Carex jamesii	1.88												
Carex normalis	3.13	A	180.00	563.40	A	229.00	716.77				A	656.00	2,053.28
Carex radiata	1.72												
Carex rosea	1.88												
Carex sparganoides	3.31												
Carex sprengeii	6.25												
Cinna arundinacea	12.16												
Elymus canadensis	50.00	A	22.00	1,100.00	A T2	13.40	670.00						
Elymus villosus	89.73	A	99.80	8,955.05	A T2	78.00	6,998.94						
Elymus virginicus	50.00	A	19.00	950.00	A	13.90	695.00	A	11.00	550.00			
Festuca obtusa	4.69												
Hystrix patula	113.02				A	74.00	8,363.48						
Luzula multiflora	1.00												
	Vendor:	Genesis Nursery, Inc.			Shooting Star Native Seeds			Spence Restoration Nursery			Taylor Creek Rest. Nurseries		
Species (Forbs)	Qty. (PLS Lbs.)	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC	QA	PPU	IC
Actea rubra	3.75												
Agastache nepetoides	2.06												
Agastache scrophulariaefolia	2.53				A T2	335.00	847.55						
Allium cernuum	22.34				A T2	314.00	7,014.76						
Allium tricocceum	3.13												
Anemone virginiana (DF)	1.31				A T2	718.00	940.58						
Aquilegia canadensis	5.31				A T2	474.00	2,516.94						
Aralia racemosa	4.06												
Arisaema triphyllum	5.78												
Aster cordifolius (DF)	1.39												
Aster drummondii (DF)	2.75				A	239.00	657.25						
Aster macrophyllus (DF)	2.59	A	985.00	2,551.15									
Aster lateriflorus (DF)	0.83	A	265.00	219.95									
Aster prenanthoides (DF)	1.56	A	425.00	663.00									
Aster sagittifolius (DF)	0.88	A	198.00	174.24	A	169.00	148.72						
Aster shortii (DF)	3.13												
Blephilia hirsuta	0.74	A	735.00	543.90									
Campanula americana	0.42	A	440.00	184.80	A T2	549.00	230.58				A/B	800.00	336.00
Caulophyllum thalictroides	6.25												
Clematis virginiana (DF)	7.19				A T2	420.00	3,019.80						
Cryptotaenia canadensis	13.44	A	120.00	1,612.80									
Desmodium glutinosum	3.75												
Eupatorium purpureum (DF)	3.75	A	175.00	656.25	A T2	270.00	1,012.50						
Eupatorium rugosum (DF)	1.53	A	405.00	619.65				A	750.00	1,147.50			

