



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: February 4, 2019
MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for Invasive Plant Management at Multiple Forest Preserves (a) for Sun Lake Teasel Management Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$19,750.00, (b) for the Southeast Invasive Plant Management Work to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$118,400.00, and (c) for Districtwide Invasive Plant Management Work to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$132,000.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY 2018/2019 Budget in the amount of \$280,000.00. The actual cost of \$270,150.00 will be charged to the Farm Management Fund (28644000-705100-62806).

BACKGROUND: Invasive plant management is the most time-consuming task faced by District crews, and is a significant challenge to habitat conservation. Management of invasive plants is necessary to improve and conserve habitat quality and species diversity on District properties throughout Lake County. In order to more efficiently accomplish this work, the District hires a contractor(s) on an hourly basis to complete several projects to control herbaceous invasive plants.

This year's contract will include control of reed canary grass, common reed, teasel, crown vetch, exotic cattail, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, Oriental bittersweet, spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, and purple loosestrife. Multiple sites District-wide will be treated.

The project was advertised on November 26, 2018 and 7 bids were received. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2019 and be completed by February 28, 2020. A summary of the bids received is listed below, with the low bids highlighted:

VENDOR	Sun Lake Teasel Management Work	Southeast Invasive Plant Management Work	Districtwide Invasive Plant Management Work
V3 Construction Group	\$21,425.00	\$137,120.00	\$137,120.00
Liberty Prairie Restorations	No Bid	\$118,400.00	No Bid
Integrated Lakes Management	\$37,500.00	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00
Tallgrass Restoration	\$30,000.00	\$192,000.00	\$192,000.00
Red Buffalo Nursery	\$20,625.00	No Bid	\$132,000.00
Native Restoration Services	\$19,750.00	\$122,208.00	\$132,800.00
Applied Ecological Services	\$24,650.00	\$157,760.00	\$140,032.00

Staff recommends that the Board find that the following bidders are the lowest responsible bidders for the following projects and award contracts to such bidders accordingly.

VENDOR

Sun Lake Teasel Management Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, IL	\$ 19,750.00
Southeast Invasive Plant Management Work to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, IL	\$ 118,400.00
Districtwide Invasive Plant Management Work to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, IL	\$ 132,000.00

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Purchasing Manager,
Corporate Counsel.

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR
INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT AT MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of work necessary to complete the Invasive Plant Management at Multiple Forest Preserves (the “Work”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on December 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners (i) find that each highlighted bid listed on Exhibit A, (collectively, the “Low Bids”) is the lowest responsible bid for each corresponding Work Location identified in Exhibit A and (ii) award a contract for the portion of the Work at each of the Work Locations to each such low bidder for such work (collectively the “Bidders”) in the amount of the Bidder’s Low Bid (collectively, the “Contract Prices”), as follows: (a) for Sun Lake Teasel Management Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$19,750.00, (b) for the Southeast Invasive Plant Management Work to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$118,400.00, and (c) for Districtwide Invasive Plant Management Work to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$132,000.00 (the “Contracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that each Low Bid is the lowest responsible bid for each corresponding Work Location as set forth above; and

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 a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Acceptance of Bids. The Low Bids in the amounts listed on Exhibit A are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to each Bidder in the amount of the Bidder’s Low Bid.

Section 3: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts for the Work in the amounts of the Bidder’s Low Bids .

Section 4: Payments. The 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 _____, 2019

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:


Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT: INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT
 BID #: 19022
 BID OPENING DATE: December 17, 2018 @ 11:00 a.m.

VENDOR	WORK LOCATION											
	TEASEL MANAGEMENT WORK			SUN LAKE MANAGEMENT WORK			SOUTHEAST INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT WORK			DISTRICT-WIDE INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT WORK		
	Unit	Unit Price	Extension	Unit	Unit Price	Extension	Unit	Unit Price	Extension	Unit	Unit Price	Extension
V3 Construction Group, LTD Woodridge, IL	500	\$ 42.85	\$ 21,425.00	3200	\$ 42.85	\$ 137,120.00	3200	\$ 42.85	\$ 137,120.00	3200	\$ 42.85	\$ 137,120.00
Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC Libertyville, IL	500	no bid	no bid	3200	\$ 37.00	\$ 118,400.00	3200	no bid	no bid	3200	no bid	no bid
Integrated Lakes Management Waukegan, IL	500	\$ 75.00	\$ 37,500.00	3200	\$ 75.00	\$ 240,000.00	3200	\$ 75.00	\$ 240,000.00	3200	\$ 75.00	\$ 240,000.00
Talgrass Restoration, LLC Schaumburg, IL	500	\$ 60.00	\$ 30,000.00	3200	\$ 60.00	\$ 192,000.00	3200	\$ 60.00	\$ 192,000.00	3200	\$ 60.00	\$ 192,000.00
Red Buffalo Nursery Richmond, IL	500	\$ 41.25	\$ 20,625.00	3200	no bid	no bid	3200	no bid	no bid	3200	\$ 41.25	\$ 132,000.00
Native Restoration Services, Inc Lake Bluff, IL	500	\$ 39.50	\$ 19,750.00	3200	\$ 38.19	\$ 122,208.00	3200	\$ 38.19	\$ 122,208.00	3200	\$ 41.50	\$ 132,800.00
Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Brodhead, WI	500	\$ 49.30	\$ 24,650.00	3200	\$ 49.30	\$ 157,760.00	3200	\$ 49.30	\$ 157,760.00	3200	\$ 43.76	\$ 140,032.00

 = low bid by work location