



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES  
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**DATE:** August 26, 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 the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control 2020 Project at Multiple Preserves for: “Southeastern Forest Preserves” to Cardno, Inc., Monee, IL in the Contract Price of \$146,250.00; “Northern Forest Preserves” to V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Woodridge, IL in the Contract Price of \$156,600.00; “Chiwaukee Prairie” to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Brodhead, WI in the Contract Price of \$122,150.00, and “Illinois Beach State Park” to Integrated Lakes Management, Waukegan, IL in the Contract Price of \$124,800.00.

**STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED:** Leadership; Conservation

**FINANCIAL DATA:** These projects were approved as part of the adopted FY 2018/19 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan or as part of the adopted FY 2020 Capital Improvement Plan. A portion of this funding (\$114,782.00) is proposed in the FY2020 Budget. The chart below lists, for each Project Area, the budgeted amount and the recommended low bid:

PROJECT AREA	BUDGETED	LOW BID	ACCOUNT
“SOUTHEASTERN FOREST PRESERVES”	\$150,000.00	\$ 146,250.00	27644000-704800
“NORTHERN FOREST PRESERVES”	\$160,000.00	\$ 156,600.00	27644000-704800
“CHIWAUKEE PRAIRIE”*	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 122,150.00	
Account 1		\$ 94,366.09	27644000-709000-56056
Account 2		\$ 27,783.91	69644100-803200-56050
“ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK”*	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 124,800.00	27644000-709000-56056

\*Grant funded projects.

**BACKGROUND:** Staff solicited competitive bids for the twelfth year of the Ecological Land Management Program that is designed to treat selected areas of new growth, invasive trees and shrubs in restoration sites by hiring a single contractor on a per-hour basis to treat multiple forest preserve sites within a specific “Project Area”. The bid package for the Program was broken down into four Project Areas: (1) Southeastern Forest Preserves - (*MacArthur Woods, Wright Woods, Old School, and Middlefork Savanna*); (2) Northern Forest Preserves - (*Rollins Savanna, Lyons Woods, Greenbelt and Lakewood*); (3) Chiwaukee Prairie; and (4) Illinois Beach State Park. The Chiwaukee Prairie and the Illinois Beach State Park Project Areas are being funded in whole by grants and/or donations. The restoration work at Chiwaukee Prairie and Illinois Beach State Park is to be completed as part of the federally-approved Great Lake Restoration Initiative. This grant program provides funding for the District to administer restoration work on properties owned by multiple parties across the Lake Plain Partnership Ramsar Area. The Lake Plain Partnership is a multi-partner agreement between the District, The Nature Conservancy, IDNR, WDNR and others dedicated to the preservation, protection and maintenance of the natural features and ecological value of the Lake Plain of Lake Michigan. Target species for control include buckthorn, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, grey dogwood, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese barberry, black locust and raspberry/blackberry.

The project was advertised on June 20, 2019. Work is anticipated to begin November 1, 2019 and to be completed by August 31, 2020.

Staff recommends the following lowest responsible bidders be awarded contracts for the following Project Areas:

<b>PROJECT AREA</b>	<b>CONTRACT PRICE</b>
<b>SOUTHEASTERN FOREST PRESERVES</b> to Cardno, Inc., in the contract price of	\$ 146,250.00
<b>NORTHERN FOREST PRESERVES</b> to V3 Construction Group, Ltd., in the contract price of	\$ 156,600.00
<b>CHIWAUKEE PRAIRIE</b> to Applied Ecological Services, Inc., in the contract price of	\$ 122,150.00
<b>ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK</b> to Integrated Lakes Management, in the contract price of	\$ 124,800.00

**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 SMALL INVASIVE TREE & SHRUB  
CONTROL AT MULTIPLE FOREST PRESERVES**

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase of work necessary to complete the Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control 2020 Project at Multiple Forest Preserves (the “Work”) pursuant to the bidding documents for such Work (the “Bid Documents”); and

**WHEREAS**, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on July 10, 2019 at 10:00 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 find (i) Cardno, Inc., with its bid of \$146,250.00 (“Cardno, Inc. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work identified in the Bid Documents as Southeastern Forest Preserves, (ii) V3 Construction Group, Ltd., with its bid of \$156,600.00 (“V3 Construction Group, Ltd. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work identified in the Bid Documents as Northern Forest Preserves, (iii) Applied Ecological Services, Inc., with its bid of \$122,150.00 (“Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work identified in the Bid Documents as Chiwaukee Prairie, (iv) Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., with its bid of \$124,800.00 (“Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work identified in the Bid Documents as Illinois Beach State Park and award contracts for the Work to Cardno, Inc., V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Applied Ecological Services, Inc., and Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., (the “Contracts”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Cardno, Inc., V3 Construction Group, Ltd., Applied Ecological Services, Inc., and Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. are the lowest responsible bidders for the Work, 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 a part of this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 2: Award of Contract.** The Cardno, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Southeastern Forest Preserves in the amount of \$146,250.00 (the “Cardno, Inc. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Cardno, Inc. The V3 Construction Group, Ltd. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Northern Forest Preserves in the amount of \$156,600.00 (the “V3 Construction Group, Ltd. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to V3 Construction Group, Ltd. The Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Chiwaukee Prairie in the amount of \$122,150.00 (the “Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. The Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Illinois Beach State Park in the amount of \$124,800.00 (the “Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. The Cardno, Inc., Contract Price, V3 Construction Group, Ltd. Contract Price, Applied Ecological Services, Inc., Contract Price, and the Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Contract Price are, collectively, the “Contract Prices”.

**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 Contract Prices.

**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

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NAYS:

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

ATTEST:

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Angelo D. Kyle, President  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

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Julie Gragnani, Secretary  
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. \_\_\_\_\_

## EXHIBIT A

### 19043 Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control - 2020

Vendor	Southeastern Forest Preserves	Northern Forest Preserves	Chiwaukee Prairie	Illinois Beach State Park
Applied Ecological Services, Inc.	\$159,500.00	NO BID	\$122,150.00	NO BID
Cardno, Inc	\$146,250.00	NO BID	\$134,750.00	NO BID
Encap, Inc	\$247,500.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID
Integrated Lakes Management	\$210,000.00	\$189,000.00	\$147,000.00	\$124,800.00
Native Restoration Services, Inc.	\$216,150.00	NO BID	NO BID	\$138,336.00
V3 Construction Group, Ltd.	\$174,000.00	\$156,600.00	\$148,750.00	\$136,000.00

Lowest Responsible Bid