



LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVES
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Preservation, Restoration, Education and Recreation

DATE: March 2, 2020

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Management at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, and Grant Woods Forest Preserves to Native Restoration Services, Inc., Lake Bluff, Illinois in the Contract Price of \$86,135.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The projects at Middlefork Savanna and Cuba Marsh were approved as part of the adopted FY 2020 Budget, Farm Management Fund (28644000-705100-62803), in the amount of \$72,114.00. Actual cost of the project is \$67,410.00.

The project at Grant Woods was approved as part of the adopted FY 2020 Capital Improvement Plan and is funded through a donation for Grant Woods Restoration, (20104000-803200-60604). The portion of the donation that is to be used for this project was estimated at \$20,000.00. The actual cost of the project is \$18,725.00

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 on an hourly basis to complete several projects to control herbaceous invasive plants. The projects that would be performed pursuant to the awarded contract will provide season-long control of invasive plants at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, and Grant Woods Forest Preserves and will include control of Reed Canary Grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*), Teasel (*Dipsacus* spp.), Cattails (*Typha* spp.), Common Reed (*Phragmites australis*), Fig Buttercup (*Ranunculus ficaria*), Crown vetch (*Coronilla varia*), Common goldenrod (*Solidago altissima*), Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica* and *Frangula alnus*), Garden Heliotrope (*Valeriana officinalis*), Birdsfoot Trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*), Thistles (*Cirsium arvense*, *Carduus nutans*, *Carduus vulgare*, and others), Clovers (*Melilotis alba*, *Melilotis officinalis*, *Trifolium pretense*), Purple Loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), Yellow Iris (*Iris pseudoacorus*), Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*), Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), Callery/Bradford Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), Oriental Bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*), and various cool-season grasses.

The project was advertised on January 6, 2020 and five bids were received. Work is anticipated to begin April 1, 2020 and be completed by December 1, 2020. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

| VENDOR | CUBA MARSH | MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA | GRANT WOODS |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Integrated Lakes Management | \$ 45,500 | \$ 71,500 | \$ 30,000 |
| Tallgrass Restoration | \$ 36,400 | \$ 57,200 | \$ 26,000 |
| Native Restoration Svcs., Inc. | \$ 26,215 | \$ 41,195 | \$ 18,725 |
| Red Buffalo Nursery | \$ 36,400 | NO BID | NO BID |
| V3 Companies | 41,300 | 64,900 | 29,500 |

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

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith "A Resolution Awarding a Contract for Invasive Plant Management at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna and Grant Woods Forest Preserves" and requests its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____
 Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT AT
CUBA MARSH, MIDDLEFORK SAVANNA AND GRANT WOODS FOREST PRESERVES**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for Invasive Plant Management at Cuba Marsh, Middlefork Savanna, and Grant Woods 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 January 22, 2020 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 find Native Restoration Services, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Work to Native Restoration Services, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Native Restoration Services, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder for the Work, as set forth above;

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 bid submitted by Native Restoration Services, Inc. in the amount of \$86,135.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work is hereby awarded to Native Restoration Services, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Work in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract’s 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 _____, 2020

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gagnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Bid 20001 Invasive Plant Management
 PM Pati Vitt
 Bid Opening January 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

| NO | PRODUCT | UNIT | QTY | Integrated Lakes Mngmnt Waukegan | | Tallgrass Restoration Schaumburg | | Native Restoration Services Lake Bluff | | Red Buffalo Nursery Richmond | | V3 Companies Woodridge | |
|----|--------------------|-------|------|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|--------------|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| | | | | UNIT PRICE | EXT PRICE | UNIT PRICE | EXT PRICE | UNIT PRICE | EXT PRICE | UNIT PRICE | EXT PRICE | UNIT PRICE | EXT PRICE |
| 1 | Cuba Marsh | hours | 700 | \$ 65.00 | \$ 45,500.00 | \$ 52.00 | \$ 36,400.00 | \$ 37.45 | \$ 26,215.00 | \$ 52.00 | \$ 36,400.00 | \$ 59.00 | \$ 41,300.00 |
| 2 | Middlefork Savanna | hours | 1100 | \$ 65.00 | \$ 71,500.00 | \$ 52.00 | \$ 57,200.00 | \$ 37.45 | \$ 41,195.00 | NO BID | NO BID | \$ 59.00 | \$ 64,900.00 |
| 3 | Grant Woods (hrs) | hours | 500 | \$ 60.00 | \$ 30,000.00 | \$ 52.00 | \$ 26,000.00 | \$ 37.45 | \$ 18,725.00 | NO BID | NO BID | \$ 59.00 | \$ 29,500.00 |