



Lake County Forest Preserves

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DATE: August 31, 2020

MEMO TO: Jessica Vealitzek, Chair
Operations Committee

Agenda Item# 9.5

Terry Wilke, Chair
Finance Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding Contracts for the 2021 Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control (SITS) Program at Multiple Preserves: “Eastern Forest Preserves” to Cardno, Inc., Lone Tree, CO in the Contract Price of \$204,500.00; “Lakewood Forest Preserve” to Applied Ecological Services, Broadhead, WI in the Contract Price of \$152,000.00; “Chiwaukee Prairie” to Applied Ecological Services, Broadhead, WI in the Contract Price of \$79,971.00; and “Illinois Beach State Park” to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, IL in the Contract Price of \$79,994.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The SITS program will begin in the current Fiscal Year and be completed in 2021. Funding comes from the adopted FY 2020 Land Development Fund (Ecological Land Management 27644000 704800) in the amount of \$173,846.41. The remaining \$182,413.59 will be funded from the FY 2021 Land Development Fund (Ecological Land Management 27644000 704800) upon approval.

The following chart lists the estimate and the actual recommended lowest responsible bid for each Project Area.

PROJECT AREA	ESTIMATED	LOW BID	ACCOUNT
“Eastern Forest Preserves”	\$ 204,000	\$ 204,500	27644000 704800
“Lakewood Forest Preserve”	\$ 153,000	\$ 152,000	27644000 704800
“Chiwaukee Prairie”	\$ 80,000	\$ 79,971	27644000-709000-56056
“Illinois Beach State Park”	\$ 80,000	\$ 79,994	27644000-709000-56056

BACKGROUND: Staff solicited competitive bids for the thirteenth year of the SITS program (the “Program”) 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 and Lake Plain sites within a specific “Project Area”. The bid package for the Program was broken down into four Project Areas: (1) Eastern Forest Preserves – (Wright Woods, Greenbelt, Old School and Middlefork Savanna Forest Preserves), (2) Lakewood Forest Preserve, (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 an anonymous donation. The donation provides funding for the District to administer restoration work on properties owned by multiple parties across the Lake Plain RAMSAR Area. The Lake Plain project is a multi-party project between the District, The Nature Conservancy, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 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.

A notice seeking bids for the Program were advertised on June 26, 2020. Work is anticipated to begin November 1, 2020 and be completed by August 31, 2021.

Cardno Inc., Lone Tree, CO is the low bidder on two projects, but subsequently requested to withdraw from one project because of projected personnel shortages. Staff recommends that Cardno be allowed to withdraw its bid (\$141,500.00) on the Lakewood Forest Preserve Project Area and that contracts be awarded contracts to the following lowest responsible bidders for the following Project Areas:

Project Area/Lowest Responsible Bidder	Contract Price
Eastern Forest Preserves to Cardno, Inc., Lone Tree, CO in the contract price of	\$ 204,500.00
Lakewood Forest Preserve to Applied Ecological Services, Broadhead, WI in the contract price of	\$ 152,000.00
Chiwaukee Prairie to Applied Ecological Services, Broadhead, WI in the contract price of	\$ 79,971.00
Illinois Beach State Park to Red Buffalo Nursery, Richmond, IL in the contract price of	\$ 79,994.00

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 THE 2021
SMALL INVASIVE TREE AND SHRUB CONTROL PROGRAM AT
MULTIPLE 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 2021 Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Program at Multiple 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 22, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. local time and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Cardno, Inc. has requested that it be allowed to withdraw its bid for Lakewood Forest Preserve and the Board of Commissioners hereby grants such request and finds that such bid has been withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, the District's staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations and Finance Committees, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) Cardno, Inc., with its bid of \$204,500.00 ("Cardno, Inc. Bid"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as Eastern Forest Preserves; (ii) Applied Ecological Services, Inc., with its bid of \$152,000.00 ("Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as Lakewood Forest Preserve; (iii) Applied Ecological Services, Inc., with its bid of \$79,971.00 ("Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid"), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as Chiwaukee Prairie and; (iv) Red Buffalo Nursery, with its bid of \$79,994.00 ("Red Buffalo Nursery 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., Applied Ecological Services, Inc. and Red Buffalo Nursery (the "Contracts"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Cardno, Inc., Applied Ecological Services, Inc., and Red Buffalo Nursery are the lowest responsible bidders for the Work, as set forth in the previous clause; 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: Award of Contract. The Cardno, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Eastern Forest Preserves in an amount not to exceed \$204,500.00 (the "Cardno, Inc. Contract Price") is hereby awarded to Cardno, Inc. The Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Lakewood Forest Preserve in an amount not to exceed \$152,000.00 (the "Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price") is hereby awarded

to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. The Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Chiwaukee Prairie in an amount not to exceed \$79,971.00 (the "Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price") is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. The Red Buffalo Nursery Bid is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Illinois Beach State Park in an amount not to exceed \$79,994.00 (the "Red Buffalo Nursery Contract Price") is hereby awarded to Red Buffalo Nursery. The Cardno, Inc. Contract Price, Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Prices and the Red Buffalo Nursery 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 _____, 2020

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

**Bid 20025
Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Program - 2021**

Vendor	Eastern Forest Preserves	Lakewood Forest Preserves	Chiwaukee Prairie	Illinois Beach State Park
Applied Ecological Services, Inc.	NO BID	\$152,000.00	\$79,971.00	NO BID
Cardno, Inc.	\$204,500.00	\$141,500.00	NO BID	NO BID
Integrated Lakes Management	\$300,000.00	\$225,000.00	\$97,356.00	\$83,237.00
Native Restoration Services, Inc.	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	\$94,998.28
Red Buffalo Nursery	NO BID	\$168,000.00	\$88,084.00	\$79,994.00
Tallgrass Restoration	\$389,700.00	\$292,275.00	\$150,554.10	\$140,421.90
V3 Companies, LTD	\$221,900.00	\$166,700.00	\$90,170.20	\$84,101.80

Lowest Responsible Bid

Bidder has requested to have bid withdrawn