

DATE: August 30, 2021

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 (SITS) at Multiple Preserves, including to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. for the “Eastern Forest Preserves” in the Contract Price of \$226,512.00 and the “Western Forest Preserves” in the Contract Price of \$113,040.00 for a total of \$339,552.00; and to RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services, Inc., for “Lakewood Forest Preserve” in the Contract Price of \$169,700.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: The SITS Program will begin in the current Fiscal Year and be completed in 2022. Funding comes from the adopted FY 2021 Land Development Fund (Ecological Land Management 27644000-704800) in the amount of \$135,380.64. The remaining \$373,871.369 will be funded from the FY 2022 Land Development Fund (Ecological Land Management 27644000-704800) upon approval.

The following chart lists the FY 2021 Budget estimate and the actual recommended lowest responsible bid for each Project Area.

PROJECT AREA/PRESERVE	ESTIMATED	LOW BID	ACCOUNT
Eastern Forest Preserves	\$ 233,400	\$ 226,512.00	27644000-704800
Lakewood Forest Preserve	\$ 170,000	\$ 169,700.00	27644000-704800
Western Forest Preserves	\$ 107,600	\$ 113,040.00	27644000-704800

BACKGROUND: Staff solicited competitive bids for the fourteenth year of the SITS Program (the “Program”) to treat selected areas of new growth, invasive trees and shrubs in restoration sites by hiring contractors on a per-hour basis to treat multiple forest preserve sites within specific “Project Areas”. The bid package for the Program was broken down into three Project Areas: (1) Eastern Forest Preserves (Old School, MacArthur Woods, and Edward L. Ryerson Conservation Area), (2) Lakewood Forest Preserve, and (3) Western Forest Preserves (Cuba Marsh and Grassy Lake). Target species for control include but are not limited to: buckthorn, honeysuckle, multi-flora rose, grey dogwood, Oriental bittersweet, Japanese barberry, black locust and other aggressive species.

A notice seeking bids for the Project was advertised on June 1, 2021. Work is anticipated to begin November 15, 2021 and be completed by August 31, 2022.

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

Project Area/Lowest Responsible Bidder	Contract Price
Eastern Forest Preserves to Integrated Lakes Management, in the contract price of	\$ 226,512.00
Lakewood Forest Preserve to RES Great Lakes, LLC, in the contract price of	\$ 169,700.00
Western Forest Preserve to Integrated Lakes Management, in the contract price of	\$ 113,040.00

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 SEPTEMBER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021**

MISTER PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding Contracts for the Small Invasive Tree and Shrub Control Program at Multiple 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 CONTRACTS FOR THE
SMALL INVASIVE TREE AND SHRUB CONTROL PROGRAM 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 work necessary to complete the Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Program 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 21, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. local time 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) Integrated Lakes Management, Inc., with its bids of \$226,512.00 and \$113,040.00, respectively (“Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Bids”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work identified in the Bid Documents as Eastern Forest Preserves and Western Forest Preserves, respectively; and (ii) RES Great Lakes, LLC dba Applied Ecological Services, Inc., with its bid of \$169,700.00 (“Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the work identified in the Bid Documents as Lakewood Forest Preserve; and award contracts for the Work to Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services, Inc. (the “Contracts”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. and Applied Ecological Services, 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 Contracts. The Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. bids are hereby accepted and a Contract for the Work at Eastern Forest Preserves in an amount not to exceed \$226,512.00 and the Work at Western Forest Preserves in an amount not to exceed \$113,040.00, for a total contract price of \$339,552.00 (the “Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Integrated Lakes Management, 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 \$169,700.00 (the “Applied Ecological Services, Inc. Contract Price”) is hereby awarded to Applied Ecological Services, Inc. The Integrated Lakes Management, Inc.

Contract Price and the Applied Ecological Services, 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 _____, 2021

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021

ATTEST:

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

EXHIBIT A

Bid: 21043

Small Invasive Tree & Shrub Control Projects

VENDOR	EASTERN FOREST PRESERVES – MacArthur, Old School & Ryerson	LAKWOOD FOREST PRESERVE	WESTERN FOREST PRESERVES – Cuba Marsh & Grassy Lake
CARDNO, INC., STEGER, IL	\$ 247,762.00	\$ 205,000.00	NO BID
CLEAN CUT TREE SERVICE, INC., GRAYSLAKE, IL	\$ 536,400.00	\$ 390,000.00	\$ 284,000.00
ENCAP, INC., DEKALB, IL	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 206,800.00
INTEGRATED LAKES MNGMNT, WAUKEGAN, IL	\$ 226,512.00	\$ 185,000.00	\$ 113,040.00
RED BUFFALO NURSERY, RICHMOND, IL	NO BID	\$ 225,000.00	NO BID
RES GREAT LAKES, LLC, MILWAUKEE, WI	\$ 251,104.00	\$ 169,700.00	NO BID
TALLGRASS RESTORATION, LLC, SCHAUMBURG, IL	\$ 477,736.00	\$ 342,000.00	\$ 243,904.00
V3 COMPANIES, LTD, WOODRIDGE, IL	\$ 269,090.00	NO BID	NO BID

Lowest responsible bid