



DATE: October 31, 2022

MEMO TO: Terry Wilke, Chair
Planning Committee

Julie Simpson, Chair
Finance Committee

Agenda Item # 10.5

FROM: Randall L. Seebach
Director of Planning and Land Preservation

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the purchase of entry fencing and gate materials for the off-leash dog area at the Duck Farm Forest Preserve to Technology International, Inc., in the Contract Price of \$55,285.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Public Access and Connections

FINANCIAL DATA: This project was approved as part of the adopted FY2022 Capital Improvement Plan in the amount of \$180,000.00. The actual cost of \$55,285.00 will be charged to account 11104100-803200-60025.

BACKGROUND: A Transition Plan (the “Plan”) was prepared in 2018 that identified modifications to the District’s facilities, property, programs, communications, policies and procedures to enhance compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Illinois Accessibility Code. The Plan has served as a guide for improving District-wide accessibility for people of all ages and abilities. One of the priorities identified in this Plan was to address the off-leash dog areas. As part of the implementation of phase I of the Plan, the District designed and constructed the Waukegan Savanna Off Leash Dog Area to meet ADA requirements and opened the facility in the fall of 2019.

Continuing the focus on dog exercise areas, an improvement plan and engineering were completed for the Duck Farm off-leash dog area in early 2022. The project includes accessible parking stalls, accessible routes to a new evaporator restroom, drinking fountains and shade shelters, secure entry fencing system, improved boundary fencing for designated large and small dog use areas, water service connection to new code compliant drinking fountains, code compliant seating, asphalt repairs, striped crosswalk, drainage, fine grading and seeding.

The project was originally advertised for bids on June 7, 2022, seeking a contractor to complete the majority of the work. The District received only one bid and staff elected not to present that bid to Committee because it was significantly over budget. Staff recommends constructing the entire project using labor provided by District construction crews and materials furnished through the project budget.

The fencing and gate system for the Duck Farm entry area is the Omega Elite steel mesh system. It is the same system that is installed at the Waukegan Savanna Forest Preserve. It is composed of 7 gates and 120 linear feet of 72-inch tall panels with a powder and zinc-coated double wire steel design.

The material was advertised on October 6, 2022 and two bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Omega II Fence Systems, Laval, Quebec, Canada	\$ 49,219.27
Technology International, Inc., Lake Mary, Florida	\$ 55,285.00

Staff recommends that the bid received from Omega II Fence Systems be found non-responsive and rejected because the bidder (i) did not hold its price for the required ninety (90) days, (ii) did not provide a firm delivery/shipping cost as required and (iii) did not execute the bidder's proposal as required. Therefore, staff recommends that Technology International, Inc. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder. Materials are anticipated to be furnished by March 31, 2023.

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

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND DELIVERY
OF ENTRY FENCING AND GATE MATERIALS FOR THE DUCK FARM OFF-LEASH
DOG AREA TO TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of entry fencing and gate materials or approved equivalent (the “Materials”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on October 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. and;

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Omega II Fence Systems, Laval, Quebec, Canada	\$49,219.27
Technology International, Inc., Lake Mary, Florida	\$55,285.00

and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the bid submitted by Omega II Fence Systems is not a responsive bid for the Materials; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Planning and Land Preservation, the Planning Committee and the Finance Committee, have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Technology International, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Materials to Technology International, inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Technology International, Inc. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Materials;

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: Rejection of Low Bid. The bid submitted by Omega II Fence Systems is hereby rejected.

Section 3: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Technology International, Inc. in the amount of \$55,285.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Materials is hereby awarded to Technology International, Inc.

Section 4: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Materials in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 5: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 6: 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 _____, 2022

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APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2022

Angelo D. Kyle, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____