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DATE: January 9, 2017

MEMO TO: Craig Taylor, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: James L. Anderson
Director of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the “Invasive Plant Management 2017 Districtwide Forest Preserves” project to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC Libertyville, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$100,270.00 and to Homer Environmental, LLC Lockport, Illinois, in the Contract Price of \$102,895.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION SUPPORTED: Conservation

FINANCIAL DATA: This item was approved as part of the adopted FY2016/2017 Budget in the amount of \$ 210,000.00. The actual cost of \$203,165.00 will be charged to Farmland Management Fund (28644000-705100-62806 and 62803).

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 accomplish this work, the District hires a contractor on an hourly basis to complete several projects to control herbaceous invasive plants.

This year's contract will include control of reed canary grass, common reed, teasel, crown vetch, exotic cattail, Japanese knotweed, leafy spurge, Oriental bittersweet, spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, and purple loosestrife. Multiple district-wide sites will be treated.

The project was advertised on October 26, 2016 and 11 bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

Vendor	Contract DPR East Invasive Plant Management (line #1 plus Bid Alternate #1)	Contract DPR West Invasive Plant Management (line #2 plus Bid Alternate #2)
Native Restoration Services	\$ 89,775.00	\$ 91,087.50
Liberty Prairie Restoration	\$ 100,270.00	No bid
Homer Tree Service	\$ 102,895.00	\$ 102,895.00
Red Buffalo Nursery	No bid	\$ 104,200.00
Semper Fi Land Inc.	\$ 105,256.40	\$ 105,256.40
V3 Construction	\$ 105,286.25	\$ 105,286.25
Clean Cut Tree Service	\$ 105,690.00	\$ 105,690.00
EnCap	\$ 117,885.00	\$ 117,885.00
Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 121,950.00	\$ 121,950.00
McGinty Brothers	\$ 130,080.00	\$ 113,820.00
Tallgrass Restoration	\$ 135,227.00	\$ 135,227.00

However, staff recommends that Native Restoration Services' bid be found non-responsive because it failed to include the required bid alternates in its bid. Therefore, staff recommends that the bid submitted by Native Restoration Services be rejected.

Staff recommends that Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder to perform services for Line Item No.1 – DPR East Invasive Plant Management, and Homer Environmental, LLC is awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder to perform services for Line Item No. 2 – DPR West Invasive Plant Management.

Work for both line items is anticipated to begin March 1, 2017 and be completed by December 30, 2017.

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

PRESENTER: James L. Anderson

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

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACTS FOR THE
INVASIVE PLANT MANAGEMENT 2017
DISTRICTWIDE FOREST PRESERVES PROJECT**

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 Invasive Plant Management 2017 Districtwide Forest Preserves Project (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 November 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and such bids are identified on Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that the bid submitted by Native Restoration Services, Inc., is not a responsive bid for this project; and

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids identified on Exhibit A and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find (i) Homer Environmental, LLC, with its bid of \$102,895.00 (the “Homer Environmental Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as DPR West Invasive Plant Management and (ii) Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC, with its bid of \$100,270.00 (the “Liberty Prairie Restorations Bid”), to be the lowest responsible bidder for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as DPR East Invasive Plant Management , and award contracts for the Work to those bidders consistent therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Homer Environmental, LLC and Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC 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: Rejection of Low Bid. The bid submitted by Native Restoration Services, Inc., is hereby rejected.

Section 3: Award of Contract. The Homer Environmental Bid is hereby accepted and a contract for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as DPR West Invasive Plant Management in the amount of the Homer Environmental Bid is hereby awarded to Homer Environmental, LLC (the “Homer Environmental Contract”). The Liberty Prairie Restorations Bid is hereby accepted and a contract for the Work identified in the Bid Documents as DPR East Invasive Plant Management in the amount of the Liberty Prairie Restorations Bid is hereby awarded to Liberty Prairie Restorations, LLC (the “Liberty Prairie Restorations Contract”) (collectively, the Homer Environmental Contract and the Liberty Prairie Restorations Contract are the “Contracts”).

Section 4: Execution of Contracts. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contracts in the amounts of the Homer Environmental Bid and the Liberty Prairie Restorations Bid.

Section 5: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contracts only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contracts' 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 _____, 2017

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2017

ATTEST:

Ann B. Maine, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____

Exhibit A

Vendor	Base Bid	Line #1	Line #2	Bid Alternate #1	Bid Alternate #2	Contract DPR East (line #1 plus Bid Alternate #1)	Contract DPR West (line #2 plus Bid Alternate #2)
Liberty Prairie Restoration	\$ 97,125.00	\$ 97,125.00	-	\$ 3,145.00		\$ 100,270.00	-
Homer Tree Service	\$ 199,500.00	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 99,750.00	\$ 3,145.00	\$ 3,145.00	\$ 102,895.00	\$ 102,895.00
Red Buffalo Nursery	\$ 100,800.00		\$ 100,800.00	-	\$ 3,400.00	-	\$ 104,200.00
Semper Fi Land Inc.	\$ 203,910.00	\$ 101,955.00	\$ 101,955.00	\$ 3,301.40	\$ 3,301.40	\$ 105,256.40	\$ 105,256.40
V3 Construction	\$ 202,072.50	\$ 101,036.25	\$ 101,036.25	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 4,250.00	\$ 105,286.25	\$ 105,286.25
Clean Cut Tree Service	\$ 204,750.00	\$ 102,375.00	\$ 102,375.00	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 3,315.00	\$ 105,690.00	\$ 105,690.00
EnCap	\$ 228,375.00	\$ 114,187.50	\$ 114,187.50	\$ 3,697.50	\$ 3,697.50	\$ 117,885.00	\$ 117,885.00
Integrated Lakes Management	\$ 236,250.00	\$ 118,125.00	\$ 118,125.00	\$ 3,825.00	\$ 3,825.00	\$ 121,950.00	\$ 121,950.00
McGinty Brothers	\$ 236,250.00	\$ 126,000.00	\$ 110,250.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 130,080.00	\$ 113,820.00
Tallgrass Restoration	\$ 261,971.00	\$ 130,985.50	\$ 130,985.50	\$ 4,241.50	\$ 4,241.50	\$ 135,227.00	\$ 135,227.00
Native Restoration Services	\$ 180,862.50	\$ 89,775.00	\$ 91,087.50	no bid	no bid	no bid	no bid