



DATE: March 6, 2025
TO: Sara Knizhnik, Chair
Operations Committee
FROM: Alyssa Firkus
Director of Education

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract to MBA Design and Display Products Corp. for the Purchase and Delivery of new Movable Museum Display Walls, in the contract price of \$34,081.00.

STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SUPPORTED: Organizational Sustainability; Public Access and Connections.

FINANCIAL DATA: Funding for this project in the amount of \$8,520.25 will come from the Dunn Museum Exhibits budget account 14724000-709000-70007 (Exhibits Miscellaneous Contractual) and \$25,560.75 will come from the Museum Relocation fund 70414100-803100-2112 (Improvements to Buildings Expense).

BACKGROUND: The District is building out the southeast portion of the first floor at the General Offices to expand exhibition space for the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County. The expanded space will host a new Alex Ross: Heroes and Villains exhibition and future larger temporary exhibitions. The build-out is projected to open in summer 2025.

In connection with this project, staff recommends that the District purchase a new Mila-Wall modular wall system to provide moveable display walls for use in the Dunn Museum. The proposed modular wall system will be used in the temporary exhibit spaces, including the upcoming Alex Ross exhibit. This specific design allows for a flexible, reuseable and durable solution that will be customizable to any space. The wall system assembles in a quick, clean and stable manner that saves installation time and lessens down-time between temporary exhibition changeovers.

The wall system is standardized and adaptable allowing for additional sections to be added easily if needed. They are made from eco-friendly materials that are both repairable and recyclable. Any installed configuration will result in a dynamic exhibition that will be an engaging and immersive experience for our visitors.

This purchase was advertised for bid on January 28, 2025, and two bids were received. A summary of the bids received is listed below:

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
MBA Design and Display Products Corp.	\$34,081.00
Tyles in Style, LLC	\$37,475.00

Staff recommends that MBA Design and Display Products Corp. be awarded the contract as the lowest responsible bidder.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Finance Director, Exhibits and Collections Manager, Purchasing Manager, Manager of Board Operations and Corporate Counsel.

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR MARCH MEETING
MARCH 12, 2025**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract to MBA Design and Display Products Corp. for the Purchase and Delivery of New Movable Museum Display Walls” and request 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 TO
MBA DESIGN AND DISPLAY PRODUCTS CORP. FOR THE
PURCHASE AND DELIVERY OF NEW MOVABLE MUSEUM DISPLAY WALLS**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids to purchase new Mila-Wall movable museum display walls, or approved equivalents, (the “Products”) in connection with the planned expansion of the Bess Bower Dunn Museum of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on January 28, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. and;

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

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
MBA Design and Display Products Corp.	\$34,081.00
Tyles in Style, LLC	\$37,475.00

and;

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Education, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find MBA Design and Display Products Corp. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Products to MBA Design and Display Products Corp. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that MBA Design and Display Products Corp. is the lowest responsible bidder for the Products;

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 MBA Design and Display Products Corp. in the amount of \$34,081.00 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted, and a Contract for the Products is hereby awarded to MBA Design and Display Products Corp.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Products 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 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 _____, 2025

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

Jessica Vealitzek, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____