



Chicago Park District

Legislation Text

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AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARAMARK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LP FOR AVIAN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT SERVICES SPECIFICATION P-14019

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of the Chicago Park District

I. Recommendation

It is recommended that an order be entered authorizing the General Superintendent and CEO or his designee to enter into a contract with Aramark Management Services, LP for Avian Wildlife Management Services. The contractor was selected pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals. No work may commence and no payment shall be made to vendor prior to the execution of a written agreement.

II. Award Information

Company: Aramark Management Services, Limited Partnership
1101 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Company Type: Limited Partnership

Majority Interests:

Aramark Corporation	99%
- Aramark Intermediate Hold Co Corporation	100%
GS Capital Partners	17.35%
CCMP Capital Investors	8.67%
J.P. Morgan Partners	8.67%
Thomas H. Lee Partners	17.35%
Warburg Pincus, LLC	17.71%
Joseph Neubauer	7.86%
Aramark SMMS, LLC	1%

Contract Term: One (1) year, with four (4) one (1) year extension options.

Contract Amount: \$200,000 for the initial contract term.

Scope of Services: To have experienced handlers bring trained border collies to the beaches at 57th Street and 63rd Street seven days a week from sunrise to sunset, weather permitting, in an effort to harass the birds and keep them away from these beaches. These services may be provided at other locations as requested by the CPD.

Affirmative

Action Goals: The Minority- and Women-Owned Participation for this contract include: 25% Minority-Owned and 5% Women-Owned.

Authorization: Authorize the General Counsel to include other relevant terms and conditions in the written Agreement. Authorize the General Superintendent to execute the Agreement and the Secretary to attest as to the signing of the Agreement and keep an original copy of the Agreement on file.

III. Budget and Financial Information

Budget Classification: Operating and grant funded
Fiscal Year: 2014
Source of Funds: 151.8490.8490.623130.EP001.G1.06.58123
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IV. Procurement Information

Specification Number: P-14019
Date Issued: March 12, 2014
Date of Pre-Submittal Meeting: DNA
Date Proposals Due: March 28, 2014
Number of Proposals Received: One (1)

This contract was publicly advertised as a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). One (1) proposal, from the incumbent, was received on the due date and time. This proposal was found by the Department of Purchasing (“Purchasing”) to be compliant and responsive,

and was then reviewed and evaluated by an Evaluation Committee comprised of CPD staff. The EC noted the proposer has performed satisfactorily in the past and determined unanimously that they have the experience, capability, personnel to provide these services.

V. Explanation

The seagull (*Larus delawarensis*) population in the Chicago region has increased exponentially in recent decades. With this population increase has come higher numbers of gulls on Chicago’s beaches, which has been linked to an increase in swim advisories that limit the public’s enjoyment of Lake Michigan. Numerous studies have made clear the detrimental impact that gulls have on the health, safety and economic viability of beaches throughout the region.

In 2008, the Chicago Park District began full-time canine harassment of gulls 63rd Street Beach in Jackson Park. This beach has a history of high levels of swim advisories linked to the seagull population at the beach. 63rd Street Beach is Chicago’s most embayed beach, and the resulting shallow slope and slow moving current traps bacteria deposited by gulls in the swimming area.

Canine harassment, in which trained handlers use dogs to chase the gulls off of the beach, has resulted in a dramatic reduction in the number of swim advisories at 63rd Street Beach. The chart below shows the rate of advisories each year since 2006. Years in which canine harassment was implemented are shown in bold.

Percent of days under water quality swim advisory at 63rd Street Beach

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
38 %	46 %	4%	48 %	15 %	6%	13%	10%

This contract will include canine harassment at 63rd and 57th Street Beaches and the installation of structural controls to deter gulls at beaches. This work is funded in part by a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency, which supports this method of protecting public health at swimming beaches.

Aramark Management Services, LP, has performed this work for CPD since the program began in 2008. CPD has been pleased with the quality of work provided. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the Chicago Park District to recommend Aramark Management Services, LP for the award for the Avian Wildlife Management Services Contract.