



# Chicago Park District

## Legislation Text

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### **AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ARAMARK MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR AQUATIC MANAGEMENT SERVICES SPECIFICATION P-15034**

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners  
of the Chicago Park District

#### **I. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the General Superintendent and CEO or his designee enter into a contract with Aramark Management Services, LP for the purpose of providing Aquatic Management Services throughout the Chicago Park District. The contractor was selected pursuant to a publicly advertised Request for Proposals ("RFP"). 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, LP  
2300 Warrenville Road  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Company Type: Limited Partnership

Majority Interest: Aramark Corporation 99%  
Aramark SMMS LLC 1%

Contract Type: Term Agreement

Contract Term: Two (2) years, with three (3) additional one (1) year extension options.

Contract Amount: \$689,183.00 annually. If extension options are exercised, funding shall be based upon available annual appropriations.

Scope of Services: Maintenance of the lagoons and other natural water bodies within Chicago Park District ("CPD") natural areas.

Affirmative  
Action Goals: The Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise 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, Capital  
Fiscal Year: 2016-2021  
Source of Funds: 001.8450.8450.626025.00001.01.01.00001  
076.8450.8450.627030.BD116.01.01.57205

#### **IV. Procurement Information**

Specification Number: P-15034  
Date Issued: January 21, 2016  
Number of Proposals Received: Two (2)  
Date Proposals Due: February 22, 2016

This contract was publicly advertised as a Request for Proposals (“RFP”). The RFP scope of services had two distinct parts: Aquatic Management Services and Natural Area Restoration and Stewardship Services. Additionally, the RFP included a form wherein proposers were instructed to inform the CPD whether they were submitting their proposals for one or both parts. In other words, the CPD reserved the right to make multiple awards through this RFP.

Two proposals were received on the due date and time, and the Department of Purchasing (“Purchasing”) found both to be responsive and compliant. Further, one proposer indicated they were submitting a proposal solely for Natural Area Restoration and Stewardship Services and Aramark Management Services indicated they were submitting their proposal for Natural Area Restoration and Stewardship and Aquatic Management Services.

The Evaluation Committee (“EC”) was comprised of five (5) voting members, all CPD staff. The EC began their review of the proposals at their first meeting on March 7 where Purchasing distributed the non-financial portions of each proposal to the EC members, and the EC members submitted to Purchasing their signed Confidentiality Affidavits and Evaluation Guidelines. The second EC meeting took place on March 16, 2016 where they discussed the non-financial portions of both proposals, submitted to Purchasing their preliminary scores of the non-financial sections, and received from Purchasing the financial portions for each proposal. The EC also decided to invite each proposer to oral presentations on March 25<sup>th</sup>. At the third meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the EC discussed the financial portions of each proposal. The EC met again immediately after oral presentations and decided to send a request for a Best and Final Offer to both proposers with a March 30 deadline. Purchasing received the Best and Final Offers by the deadline, and they were then reviewed by the EC who voted unanimously to recommend Aramark Management Services for award of the Aquatic Management Services contract.

#### **V. Explanation**

Comprehensive management of the Park District’s Natural Areas began in 2001. Since then, the acreage of natural areas has more than quadrupled. They include lagoons, prairies, wetlands, woodlands, river edges and nature gardens. In total, there are more than 1500 acres classified as natural areas within various CPD parks. This contract covers the maintenance of shoreline and water bodies of historic lagoons and ponds with the purpose to enhance the CPD’s inland water bodies. Specific responsibilities covered under this contract include, but are not limited to: cleaning and maintenance of all water bodies, including aquatic weed management and trash removal; removal of invasive species; water quality monitoring; routine annual installation, servicing, and removal of aquatic systems; and trash pick-up.

Aramark Management Services has the experience, capacity, and qualified personnel necessary to provide aquatic management services. They have been providing these services for many years to the Park District and for other clients including the DuPage County Department of Storm Water Management, the Fox Valley Park District, and the Kane County Department of Environmental Management. Further, their personnel all have years of experience and are properly certified.

Therefore, it is in the best interest of the Chicago Park District to recommend Aramark Management Services for award of the Aquatic Management Services contract.

#### **VI. General Conditions**

- 1) *Conflicts*: The Agreement shall not be legally binding on the Chicago Park District if entered into in violation of the provisions of 50 ILCS 105, the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act.
- 2) *Ethics*: The Chicago Park District’s Ethics Code, Chapter III of the Code of the Chicago Park District, shall be incorporated into and made part of the agreement.
- 3) *Contingent Liability*: Any agreement lawfully entered into for a period of more than one year shall be executory only for the amounts for which the Park District may become

liable in succeeding fiscal years pursuant to Section 17(i) of the Chicago Park District Act, 70 ILCS 1505/17(i). All agreements authorized herein shall contain a clause that any expenditure beyond the current fiscal year is subject to appropriation in the subsequent fiscal year budget.

4) *Economic Disclosure Statement ("EDS")*: Contractor has submitted a full and complete EDS.