



# Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

## Legislation Text

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### **TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2020**

#### COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT

Mr. Brian A. Perkovich, Executive Director

Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. for wetland mitigation banking services in connection with contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements, in an amount not to exceed \$80,750.00, Account 501-50000-645690, Requisition 1540089 (*As Revised*)

Dear Sir:

Authorization is requested to issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. for wetland mitigation banking services in connection with contract 11-187-3F, Addison Creek Channel Improvements.

At the February 11, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board of Commissioners provided policy direction regarding wetland mitigation on District projects. It concurred that the preferred approach to wetland mitigation would be a mitigation banking option where credits are purchased from an approved wetland mitigation bank.

In order to obtain a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit for construction of the subject project, the District is required to mitigate 0.63 acres of wetlands impacted by the project by purchasing either 0.63 acres of certified wetland credits or 0.95 acres of uncertified wetland credits from an approved wetland mitigation bank.

Requests for Proposals to provide either 0.63 acres of certified wetland credits or 0.95 acres of uncertified wetland credits were sent to all wetland mitigation banks within northeastern Illinois as identified on a list of approved wetland mitigation banks maintained by the USACE. All wetland mitigation banks listed meet the level of expertise required by USACE for wetland mitigation banking. Proposals were due January 24, 2020. Two wetland mitigation banks, owned by V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. and by Wetland Research, Inc. were responsive. The wetland mitigation banks were evaluated strictly based on their price per credit. All wetland mitigation credits fulfill the same purpose with respect to USACE permitting requirements and are of equal value to the District.

V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. provided the lowest proposal, at \$80,750.00 for 0.95 uncertified wetland credits from their Gray Willows Wetland Mitigation Bank. Wetland mitigation credits will be acquired as a one-time payment and will be effective the date the agreement, which shall be subject to the approval of the Law Department as to form and legality, is signed by V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C.

V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. is registered and in good standing with the State of Illinois.

The Multi-Project Labor Agreement (MPLA) is not applicable due to the specialized nature of the services required.

Inasmuch as the firm of V3 Wetland Restoration, L.L.C. possess the required qualifications, it is recommended that the Director of Procurement and Materials Management be authorized to issue a purchase order and enter into agreement without advertising, per Section 11.4 of the Purchasing Act, in an amount not to exceed \$80,750.00.

Funds are available in Account 501-50000-645690.

Requested, Catherine A. O'Connor, Director of Engineering, WSS, JK  
Recommended, Darlene A. LoCascio, Director of Procurement and Materials Management  
Respectfully Submitted, Barbara J. McGowan, Chairman Committee on Procurement  
Disposition of this agenda item will be documented in the official Regular Board Meeting Minutes of the Board of Commissioners for March 5, 2020