

Village of Oak Park
Department of Public Works
Administration Division

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 6, 2020

TO: John P. Wielebnicki, Director of Public Works

FROM: Diane Stanislavski, Budget & Revenue Analyst

Cc: Rob Sproule, Assistant Public Works Director

RE: Reduce PO due to Covid-19

Due to Covid-19 there has been a reduction in PO# 01825 for A & B Landscaping for Parkway tree removals account number 1001-43800-741-530667 from \$150,000 to \$100,000.

Thank you.

*Item R.
Approved*[Sign In](#)

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File #: **RES 19-339**

Name:

Type: Resolution

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Consent Agenda

In control:

President and Board
of Trustees

On agenda: **11/18/2019**

Final action:

Title: A Resolution Approving the Renewal of an Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020 Parkway Tree Removal Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

Attachments: 1. Resolution-2020 Parkway Tree Removal-A&B Landscape and Tree, 2. Renewal-2020 Parkway Tree Removal-A&B Landscape and Tree, 3. Attachment-A&B original 2017 agreement

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Submitted By

John P. Wielebnicki, Public Works Director

Reviewed By

LKS

Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving the Renewal of an Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2020 Parkway Tree Removal Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

Overview

In December 2017 the Village Board approved entering into an Independent Contractor Agreement with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for FY2018 Parkway Tree Removal Services. The Agreement provides for two possible renewals. It is proposed to exercise the second of the two possible renewals with A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for FY2020 Parkway Tree Removal Services.

Recommendation

Approve the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed FY2020 budget recommends a total of \$200,000.00 for Parkway Tree Removal and \$50,000.00 for Storm Clean-up in the General Fund, External Support account no. 1001-43800-741-530667.

A total of \$150,000.00 from this account is proposed to be awarded to A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for these services. An agreement with another tree removal contractor is proposed under another agenda item.

Background

In September 2017 Village staff requested bids for three separate FY2018 tree maintenance contracts under a "Comprehensive Tree Maintenance Bid" for services in 2018. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. of Riverside, IL was approved as one of the low responsive bidders for one of the contracts, Parkway Tree Removal Services.

The Village has over 18,000 public trees on parkways and in other public spaces. Each year a portion of those trees need to be removed due to disease (Dutch elm disease), insect infestation (Emerald ash borer), storm damage and senescence. The Village contracts for these services through a year-long contract that invoices at different rates depending on the season. Tree removal contractors are also called on to provide emergency services such as storm damage clean-up and emergency tree removal.

Experience over the last several years has determined that a single contractor can have difficulty keeping pace with removals and storm damage demands, especially if weather conditions for the season are severe. Staff has started the practice of contracting with multiple contractors for removal contracts to assure removal within a timely manner and meeting the goals before the end of the contract period.

The Public Works Department recommends contracting with two contractors for parkway tree removal and emergency services. Services will be rendered and paid for based on the appropriate seasonal rate group. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. has completed this work for the Village in a professional manner and is recommended to continue to provide the Village this service. The contract for the other contractor, Dave Tree Care and Landscape, Inc., is under a separate agenda item.

Alternatives

The Board can delay action to gain additional information.

Previous Board Action

The Village Board approved funding for the program as part of the FY2019 budget and has approved tree removal contractor agreements annually.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

N/A.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

It is anticipated that the Public Works Department will be bringing this agreement to the Village Board annually.

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

None at this time

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, State of Illinois ("Village"), in the exercise of their home rule powers, that the Renewal of the Independent Contractor Agreement ("Renewal") with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. of Riverside, Illinois, for fiscal year 2020 parkway tree removal is renewed in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 and the Village Manager is authorized to execute the Renewal in substantially the form attached.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 18th day of November, 2018, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb	✓			
Trustee Andrews	✓			
Trustee Boutet	✓			
Trustee Buchanan	✓			
Trustee Moroney	✓			
Trustee Taglia	✓			
Trustee Walker-Peddakotla	✓			

APPROVED this 18th day of November, 2018.


Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST


Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk

**RENEWAL OF AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK AND A&B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE, INC.
FOR FY2020 PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00**

THIS RENEWAL OF THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Renewal") between the Village of Oak Park, an Illinois home rule municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Village"), and A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. (hereinafter the "Contractor") is entered into as of the effective date set forth below (collectively referred to as the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties previously entered into an Independent Contractor Agreement dated December 15, 2017 ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Parties seek to renew the Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. **RECITALS INCORPORATED.** The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

2. **RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT.** The Agreement between the Parties is hereby renewed from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

3. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN EFFECT.** All terms and conditions of the Agreement shall be in full force and effect for the term of this Renewal.

4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Renewal shall be effective on the date of its execution by the Village Manager of the Village of Oak Park.

**[REMAINDER OF PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK –
SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Renewal to be signed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates set forth below.

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK



By: Cara Pavlicek
Its: Village Manager

Dated: 11/19, 2019

ATTEST



By: Vicki Scaman
Its: Village Clerk

Dated: 11/19, 2019

A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE,
INC.



By: S. Sales
Its:

Dated: 11-22, 2019

ATTEST



By: Robert Sproule
Its: Forestry Superintendent

Dated: 11/22, 2019

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

ASTORIA

NOV 18 2019



LAW DEPARTMENT



CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)
11/21/2019

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES COVERED. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

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ROHECKER INSURANCE AGENCY

Box 187
Riverside, IL 60546

CONTACT

NAME:

PHONE (A/C, No, Ext): (708) 447-1011

FAX (A/C, No): (708) 447-3716

E-MAIL ADDRESS: doug@stroheckerinsurance.com

INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE

NAIC#

INSURER A: Atlantic Casualty

INSURER B: Progressive

INSURER C: Technology Insurance Company

INSURER D:

INSURER E:

INSURER F:

ED A&B Landscaping and Tree Service Inc
PO Box 344
Riverside, IL 60546

COVERAGE

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDITIONAL INSURED	SUBROGATION	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR						DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 100,000
						MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000
						PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000
GEN'L AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER:						GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000
<input type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PROJECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC						PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000
OTHER:						\$
AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY						COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 750,000
<input type="checkbox"/> ANYAUTO						BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$
<input type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS						BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS						PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
<input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS						\$
UMBRELLA LIAB						EACH OCCURRENCE \$
EXCESS LIAB						AGGREGATE \$
DED						\$
RETENTION \$						\$
WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER
ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory in NH)						E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 100,000
If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below						E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 100,000
						E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)

additional insured: Village of Oak Park

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Village of Oak Park
123 Madison St
Oak Park IL 60302

CANCELLATION

SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS.

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

BOND NO: F22758
ON BEHALF OF: A&B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE, INC.
IN FAVOR OF: VILLAGE OF OAK PARK, IL
BOND AMOUNT: \$25,000.00

ACSTAR Insurance Company hereby agrees to continue said bond in force for the further period:

Beginning on January 1, 2020

and

Continuing through December 31, 2020

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Signed and sealed this 28th day of January, 2020.

ACSTAR Insurance Company


Henry W. Nozko, Jr. – President

HWNJR/hls





Office of the Secretary of State Jesse White
CYBERDRIVEILLINOIS.COM

Corporation/LLC Search/Certificate of Good Standing

Corporation File Detail Report

File Number 68306213

Entity Name A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE, INC.

Status
ACTIVE

Entity Information

Entity Type
CORPORATION

Type of Corp
DOMESTIC BCA

Incorporation Date (Domestic)
Saturday, 7 January 2012

State
ILLINOIS

Duration Date
PERPETUAL

Agent Information

Name

RICHARD M RANDICK, ATTORNEY A

Address

5300 MAIN ST STE A
DOWNERS GROVE , IL 60515

Change Date

Tuesday, 20 March 2012

Annual Report

Filing Date

Wednesday, 4 December 2019

For Year

2020

Officers

President

Name & Address

CYNTHIA RUSKA 5300 MAIN ST DOWNERS GROVE 60515

Secretary

Name & Address

CYNTHIA RUSKA 5300 MAIN ST DOWNERS GROVE 60515

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RES 17-709_AG_121117

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

THIS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT ("Contract") is entered into on this 11 day of November, 2017, by and between the Village of Oak Park, an Illinois home rule municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Village"), and A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc., an Illinois Corporation (hereinafter the "Contractor").

WHEREAS, Contractor submitted a Proposal dated September 15, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, to provide Parkway Tree Removal (hereinafter referred to as the "Work") for the Village Comprehensive Tree Maintenance Program (hereinafter referred to as the "Project") pursuant to the Village's Request for Proposals dated September 6, 2017, incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor represented in said Proposal that it has the necessary personnel, experience, and competence to promptly complete the Project and the Work required hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "Work"); and

WHEREAS, Contractor shall perform the Work pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual promises contained in this Contract, and other good and valuable consideration received and to be received, it is mutually agreed by and between the parties as follows:

1. RECITALS INCORPORATED

The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

Contractor shall perform the Work for the Project in accordance with its Proposal for a price not to exceed \$190,000.00 ("Contract Price"). Contractor shall complete the Work in accordance with any applicable manufacturers' warranties and in accordance with its Proposal, the Village's Request for Proposals, and this Contract, all of which together shall constitute the "Contract Documents." The Contractor acknowledges that it has inspected the site(s) where the Work is to be performed and that it is fully familiar with all of the conditions at the site(s), and further that its Proposal has adequately taken into consideration all of the conditions at the sites. Contractor hereby represents and warrants that it has the skill and experience necessary to complete the Work in a good

and workmanlike manner in accordance with the Contract Documents, and that the Work shall be free from defects. Contractor shall achieve completion of all work required pursuant to the Contract Documents by December 31st, 2018 ("Contract Time"). The Contract Time is of the essence. In the event the Contractor fails to complete the Work on or before said date, the Village shall be entitled to liquidated damages in the amount of \$500.00 per day for each day the Work remains uncompleted beyond the completion date set forth above. This amount is not a penalty, and the parties agree to said amount given the difficulties associated with determining or calculating damages to the Village in the event the Work is not completed on time. Contractor shall have no claim for damages, for compensation in excess of the Contract Price, or for a delay or extension of the Contract Time based upon conditions found at, or in the vicinity of, the site(s).

3. DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES

Contractor shall designate in writing a person to act as its designated representative with respect to the Work to be performed under this Contract who shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do all things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of Contractor and with the effect of binding Contractor. The Village is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor as having been properly and legally given by Contractor. Contractor shall have the right to change its designated representative by providing the Village with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 12 of this Agreement.

The Village's Director of Public Works or the Director's designee shall be deemed the Village's authorized representative for purposes of this Agreement, unless applicable law requires action by the Corporate Authorities, and shall have the power and authority to make or grant or do those things, certificates, requests, demands, approvals, consents, notices and other actions required that are ministerial in nature or described in this Agreement for and on behalf of the Village and with the effect of binding the Village as limited by this Contract. Contractor is entitled to rely on the full power and authority of the person executing this Agreement on behalf of the Village as having been properly and legally given by the Village. The Village shall have the right to change its authorized representative by providing Contractor with written notice of such change which notice shall be sent in accordance with Section 12 of this Agreement.

4. TERM OF CONTRACT

Contractor shall perform the Work pursuant to this Contract beginning on the effective date as defined herein and ending on December 31, 2018 or as determined by the Village. The Contractor shall invoice the Village for the Work provided pursuant to this

Contract at the rates set forth in its Proposal. The term of this Contract may be extended in writing for one additional period of one year pursuant to the consent of the parties.

5. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Contractor shall, as a condition precedent to its right to receive any payment, submit to the Village an application for payment and such receipts, vouchers, and other documents as may be necessary to establish the Contractor's payment for all labor and material and the absence of any interest whether in the nature of a lien or otherwise of any party in any property, work, or fund with respect to the Work performed hereunder. Such documents shall include, where relevant, the following forms, copies of which are attached hereto:

- (i) Contractor's sworn statement;
- (ii) Contractor's partial or final waiver of lien;
- (iii) Subcontractor's sworn statement(s); and
- (iv) Subcontractor's partial or final waiver of lien.

Payment by the Village shall be conditioned upon an inspection by the Village of the Work completed and submission of required waivers by the Contractor. Payment by the Village shall in no way constitute a waiver of, or relieve the Contractor from, any defects in the work. All payments shall be made in accordance with the Illinois Local Government Prompt Payment Act, 50 ILCS 505/1 *et seq.* Final payment for any Work performed by the Contractor pursuant to an invoice by Contractor shall be made by the Village to the Contractor when Contractor has fully performed the work and the work has been approved by the Village and submission of required waivers and paperwork by Contractor. Approval of the work and issuance of the final payment by the Village shall not constitute a waiver of, or release Contractor from, any defects in the work.

The Village shall have the right to withhold from any payment due hereunder such amount as may reasonably appear necessary to compensate the Village for any actual or prospective loss due to Work which is defective or does not conform to the Contract Documents; damage for which Contractor is liable hereunder; liens or claims of liens; claims of third parties, subcontractors, or material men; or any failure of the Contractor to perform any of its obligations under this Contract. The Village may apply any money withheld or due Contractor hereunder to reimburse itself for any and all costs, expenses, losses, damages, liabilities, suits, judgments, awards, and attorney's fees incurred, suffered, or sustained by the Village and chargeable to Contractor.

6. TERMINATION

The Village may terminate this Contract for cause, which includes but is not necessarily limited to, the Contractor's failure to perform the work pursuant to this Contract. The Village shall provide the Contractor with five (5) days' written notice of a termination for cause pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 below. The Village may also terminate

this Contract when it determines the same to be in its best interests by giving fourteen (14) days' written notice to Contractor pursuant to the provisions of Section 12 below. In such event, the Village shall pay to Contractor all amounts due for the work performed up to the date of termination.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS

Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and rules promulgated by any federal, state, county, municipal and/or other governmental unit or regulatory body now in effect during the performance of the work. By way of example only and not as a limitation, the following are included within the scope of the laws, regulations and rules with which the Contractor must comply: all forms of workers' compensation Laws, all terms of the equal employment opportunity rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, statutes relating to contracts let by units of government, and all applicable civil rights and anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall waive any right of contribution against the Village and shall indemnify and hold harmless the Village and its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to, legal fees (attorney's and paralegal's fees, expert fees and court costs) arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Contractor's work, provided that any such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or injury to or destruction of property, other than the work itself, including the loss of use resulting therefrom, or is attributable to misuse or improper use of trademark or copyright-protected material or otherwise protected intellectual property, to the extent it is caused in whole or in part by any wrongful or negligent act or omission of Contractor, any subcontractor, anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. Such obligation shall not be construed to negate, abridge or otherwise reduce any other right to indemnity which the Village would otherwise have. Contractor shall similarly protect, indemnify and hold and save harmless, the Village, its officers, officials, employees, volunteers and agents against and from any and all claims, costs, causes, actions and expenses, including, but not limited to, legal fees incurred by reason of the Contractor's breach of any of its obligations under, or Contractor's default of, any provisions of this Contract. The indemnification obligations under this Section shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any subcontractor under Workers' Compensation or Disability Benefit Acts or Employee Benefit Acts.

9. INSURANCE

Contractor shall at Contractor's expense secure and maintain in effect throughout the duration of this Contract, insurance of the following kinds and limits set forth in this Section. Contractor shall furnish "Certificates of Insurance" to the Village before beginning work on the Project pursuant to this Contract. All insurance policies shall be written with insurance companies licensed to do business in the State of Illinois and having a rating of at least A according to the latest edition of the Best's Key Rating Guide; and shall include a provision preventing cancellation of the insurance policy unless thirty (30) days prior written notice is given to the Village. This provision shall also be stated on each Certificate of Insurance: "Should any of the above described policies be canceled before the expiration date, the issuing company shall mail fifteen thirty (30) days written notice to the certificate holder named to the left."

The limits of liability for the insurance required shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts, or greater where required by law:

(A) Commercial General Liability:

i. Coverage to include Broad Form Property Damage, Contractual and Personal Injury.

ii. Limits:

General Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000.00
Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000.00
Personal Injury	\$ 1,000,000.00

iii. Coverage for all claims arising out of the Contractor's operations or premises and anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor.

(B) Workers' Compensation:

i. Workers' compensation insurance shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, including occupational disease provisions, for all employees who perform the Work pursuant to this Contract, and if work is subcontracted pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, Contractor shall require each subcontractor similarly to provide workers' compensation insurance. In case employees engaged in hazardous work under this Contract are not protected under the Workers' Compensation Act, Contractor shall provide, and shall cause each subcontractor to provide, adequate and suitable insurance for the protection of employees not otherwise provided.

(C) **Comprehensive Automobile Liability:**

i. Comprehensive Automobile Liability coverage shall include all owned, hired, non-owned vehicles, and/or trailers and other equipment required to be licensed, covering personal injury, bodily injury and property damage.

ii. Limits:
Combined Single Limit \$1,000,000.00

(D) **Umbrella:**

i. Limits:
Each Occurrence/Aggregate \$5,000,000.00

(E) The Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers shall be named as additional insureds on all insurance policies set forth herein except Workers' Compensation. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any deductibles for said insurance policies. The coverage shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers.

(F) Contractor understands and agrees that any insurance protection required by this Contract or otherwise provided by Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless, and defend the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as herein provided. Contractor waives and shall have its insurers waive, its rights of subrogation against the Village, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers.

10. **GUARANTY**

Contractor warrants and guarantees that its Work provided for the Project to be performed under this Contract, and all workmanship, materials, equipment, and supplies performed, furnished, used, or installed under this Contract, performed, furnished, used, or installed under this Contract, shall be free from defects and flaws in workmanship or design; shall strictly conform to the requirements of this Contract; and shall be fit and sufficient for the purposes expressed in, or reasonably inferred from, this Contract. Contractor further warrants and guarantees that the strength of all parts of all manufactured materials, equipment, and supplies shall be adequate and as specified and that the performance requirements of this Contract shall be fulfilled.

Contractor shall, at no expense to the Village, correct any failure to fulfill the above guaranty that may appear at any time. In any event, the guaranty herein expressed shall

not be sole and exclusive, and is additional to any other guaranty or warranty expressed or implied.

11. AFFIDAVIT OR CERTIFICATE

Contractor shall furnish any affidavit or certificate in connection with the work covered by this Contract as required by law.

12. NOTICES

Any notice required to be given by this Contract shall be deemed sufficient if made in writing and sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, by personal service, or by email transmission to the persons and addresses indicated below or to such addresses and persons as either party hereto shall notify the other party of in writing pursuant to the provisions of this Section:

To the Village:

Village Manager
Village of Oak Park
123 Madison St.
Oak Park, Illinois 60302-4272
Email: villagemanager@oak-park.us

To Contractor:

AJ Ruska
A & B Landscape and Tree Service
P.O. Box 344
Riverside, IL 60546
Email: aandblandscaping@msn.com

Mailing of such notice as and when above provided shall be equivalent to personal notice and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of mailing.

Notice by email transmission shall be effective as of date and time of transmission, provided that the notice transmitted shall be sent on business days during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Chicago time). In the event email notice is transmitted during non-business hours, the effective date and time of notice is the first hour of the first business day after transmission.

13. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE

The individuals executing this Contract on behalf of Contractor and the Village represent that they have the legal power, right, and actual authority to bind their respective parties to the terms and conditions of this Contract.

14. EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this Contract as reflected above and below shall be the date that the Village Manager executes this Contract on behalf of the Village.

15. ENTIRE CONTRACT; APPROVAL OF SUBCONTRACTORS

This Contract, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, sets forth the entire Contract between the parties with respect to the accomplishment of the Work. No right or interest in this Contract shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. The Village reserves the right to approve the use of subcontractors to complete any portion of the Work and to approve any applicable contract between the Contractor and a proposed subcontractor to perform any of the Work. This Contract shall be binding upon the parties and upon their respective heirs, executors, administrators, personal representatives, successors, and assigns, except as herein provided.

16. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

Contractor shall have the full control of the ways and means of performing the Work referred to above and that the Contractor and its employees, representatives or subcontractors are not employees of the Village, it being specifically agreed that the Contractor bears the relationship of an independent contractor to the Village. The Contractor shall solely be responsible for the payment of all salaries, benefits and costs of supplying personnel for the Work.

17. CONTRACT BOND

Before commencing the work on the Project, Contractor shall furnish a Contract Bond. The Contract Bond shall be in an amount of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) as security for the faithful performance of its obligations pursuant to the Contract Documents and as security for the payment of all persons performing labor and furnishing materials in connection with the Contract Documents. Such bond shall be on a standard AIA document, shall be issued by a surety satisfactory to the Village, and shall name the Village as a primary co-obligee. The Contract Bond shall become a part of the Contract Documents. The failure of Contractor to supply the required Contract Bond within ten (10) days after the Notice of Award or within such extended period as the Village may grant if the Contract Bond does not meet its approval shall constitute a default, and the Village may either award the Contract to the next lowest responsible proposer or re-advertise for proposals. A charge against Contractor may be made for the difference between the amount of Contractor's Proposal and the amount for which a contract for the Work is subsequently executed, irrespective of whether the amount thus due exceeds the amount of the bid guarantee.

18. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE

This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois both as to interpretation and performance. Venue for any action pursuant to this Contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois.

19. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

This Contract may be modified or amended from time-to-time provided, however, that no such amendment or modification shall be effective unless reduced to writing and duly authorized and signed by the authorized representative of the Village and the authorized representative of the Contractor.

20. NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS

No failure of either party to exercise any power given to it hereunder or to insist upon strict compliance by the other party with its obligations hereunder, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof, nor any payment under this Contract shall constitute a waiver of either party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof.

21. CONFLICT

In case of a conflict between any provision(s) of the Village's Request for Proposals or the Contractor's Proposal and this Contract, this Contract and the Village's Request for Proposals shall control to the extent of such conflict.

22. HEADINGS AND TITLES

The headings and titles provided in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not be deemed a part of this Contract.

23. COOPERATION OF THE PARTIES

The Village and Contractor shall cooperate in the provision of the Work to be provided by Contractor pursuant to this Contract and in compliance with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, 5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* ("FOIA"), and the provision of any documents and information pursuant to a FOIA request. Contractor shall provide any and all responsive documents to the Village pursuant to a FOIA request at no cost to the Village.

24. CERTIFIED PAYROLL

Contractor shall be solely responsible to maintain accurate records reflecting its payroll for its employees who perform any of the Work for the Village pursuant to this Contract and shall submit certified payroll records to the Village's Director of Public Works at any time during the term of this Contract. Contractor shall provide said certified payroll records within seven (7) days upon the request of the Director of Public Works.

25. COUNTERPARTS; FACSIMILE OR PDF SIGNATURES

This Contract may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be considered an original and together shall be one and the same Contract. A facsimile or pdf copy of this Agreement and any signature(s) thereon will be considered for all purposes as an original.

26. STANDARD OF CARE

Contractor shall endeavor to perform the Work with the same skill and judgment which can be reasonably expected from similarly situated firms or entities.

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SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Contract to be signed by their duly authorized representatives on the dates set forth below.

VILLAGE OF OAK PARK

Cara Pavlicek
By: Cara Pavlicek
Its: Village Manager

Date: Dec 15, 2017

ATTEST

Vicki Scaman
By: Vicki Scaman
Its: Village Clerk

Date: Dec. 15, 2017

A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE,
INC.

[Signature]
By: [Signature]
Its: [Signature]

Date: 12-19, 2017

ATTEST

By:
Its:

Date: _____, 2017

REVIEWED AND APPROVED
AS TO FORM

[Signature]
DEC 17 2017
LAW DEPARTMENT

Village of Oak Park													
2018 Parkway Tree Cycle Pruning													
				A & B Tree Service Inc.		Davis Tree Care Inc.		Kramer Tree Experts Inc.		The Care of Tree Inc.		Winkler Tree Inc.	
No.	D.B.H	Est. #		Unit Price	Total by class	Unit Price	Total by class	Unit Price	Total by class	Unit Price	Total by class	Unit Price	Total by class
1	6" - 12"	1213		No Bid	No Bid	\$25.00	\$ 30,325.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$71.76	\$ 87,044.88	\$35.00	\$ 42,455.00
2	12.1"-20"	1415		No Bid	No Bid	\$48.00	\$ 67,920.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$95.25	\$ 134,778.75	\$79.00	\$ 111,785.00
3	20.1"-30"	777		No Bid	No Bid	\$75.00	\$ 58,275.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$144.56	\$ 112,323.12	\$124.00	\$ 96,348.00
4	30.1" and Over	226		No Bid	No Bid	\$95.00	\$ 21,470.00	No Bid	No Bid	\$372.74	\$ 84,239.24	\$148.00	\$ 33,448.00
Total:					\$ -		\$ 177,990.00		\$ -		\$ 418,385.99		\$ 284,036.00
2018 Cycle Pruning Emergency Call Out Rates Per Hour													
2 men Chipper truck w/chipper				No Bid		\$240.00		No Bid		\$190.00		\$250.00	
1 man Aerial Lift Truck				No Bid		\$135.00		No Bid		\$95.00		\$175.00	
1 man Log Loader				No Bid		\$135.00		No Bid		\$125.00		\$150.00	
1 man Semi Tractor-trailer				No Bid		\$135.00		No Bid		\$190.00		\$175.00	
Laborer				No Bid		\$105.00		No Bid		\$95.00		\$100.00	
2018 Winter Parkway Tree Removals													
				A & B Tree Service Inc.		Davis Tree Care Inc.		Kramer Tree Experts Inc.		The Care of Tree Inc.		Winkler Tree Inc.	
No.	D.B.H	Avg Dia	Est. #	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class
1	0"-11"	9	20	\$3.00	\$ 540.00	\$4.00	\$ 720.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
2	11.1"-18"	16	60	\$7.50	\$ 7,200.00	\$8.00	\$ 7,680.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
3	18.1"-24"	21.5	65	\$11.00	\$ 15,372.50	\$13.00	\$ 18,167.50	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
4	24.1"-30"	26.5	40	\$13.00	\$ 13,780.00	\$15.00	\$ 15,900.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
5	30.1"-36"	32.5	10	\$17.00	\$ 5,525.00	\$18.00	\$ 5,850.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
6	36.1"-	41	10	\$17.00	\$ 6,970.00	\$20.00	\$ 8,200.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Total:					\$ 49,387.50		\$ 56,517.50		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
2018 Summer Parkway Tree Removals													
				A & B Tree Service Inc.		Davis Tree Care Inc.		Kramer Tree Experts Inc.		The Care of Tree Inc.		Winkler Tree Inc.	
No.	D.B.H	Avg Dia	Est. #	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class	Bid Price	Total by class
1	0"-11"	9	20	\$7.50	\$ 1,350.00	\$2.50	\$ 450.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
2	11.1"-18"	16	30	\$11.50	\$ 5,520.00	\$14.00	\$ 6,720.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
3	18.1"-24"	21	65	\$19.50	\$ 26,617.50	\$21.00	\$ 28,665.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
4	24.1"-30"	27	55	\$23.00	\$ 34,155.00	\$25.00	\$ 37,125.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
5	30.1"-36"	33	60	\$28.50	\$ 56,430.00	\$29.00	\$ 57,420.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
6	36.1"-	41	40	\$35.00	\$ 57,400.00	\$37.00	\$ 60,680.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
Total:					\$ 181,472.50		\$ 191,060.00		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
2018 Parkway Tree Removal Emergency Call Out Rates Per Hour													
2 men Chipper truck w/chipper				\$180.00		\$240.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid	
1 man Aerial Lift Truck				\$120.00		\$135.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid	
1 man Log Loader				\$120.00		\$135.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid	
1 man Semi Tractor-trailer				\$120.00		\$135.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid	
Laborer				\$50.00		\$105.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid	
2018 Parkway Tree Stump Removals													
				A & B Tree Service Inc.		Davis Tree Care Inc.		Kramer Tree Experts Inc.		The Care of Tree Inc.		Winkler Tree Inc.	
No.	Grind Type	Est. #		Bid Price	Total	Bid Price	Total	Bid Price	Total	Bid Price	Total	Bid Price	Total
1	Full Grind	650		\$246.00	\$ 159,900.00	\$325.00	\$ 211,250.00	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid
2018 Parkway Restoration Rate per Square Yard													
Parkway Restoration with Sod					\$10.00		\$350.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE

JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE



CORPORATION FILE DETAIL REPORT

File Number	68305213		
Entity Name	A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE INC		
Status	ACTIVE		
Entity Type	CORPORATION	Type of Corp	DOMESTIC BCA
Incorporation Date (Domestic)	01/07/2012	State	ILLINOIS
Agent Name	RICHARD M RANDICK, ATTORNEY A	Agent Change Date	03/20/2012
Agent Street Address	5300 MAIN ST STE A	President Name & Address	CYNTHIA H RUSKA 5300 MAIN ST DOWNERS GROVE 60515
Agent City	DOWNERS GROVE	Secretary Name & Address	SAME
Agent Zip	60515	Duration Date	PERPETUAL
Annual Report Filing Date	12/08/2016	For Year	2017

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Village of Oak Park

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Oak Park, Illinois 60302
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Agenda Item Summary

File #: RES 17-709, Version: 1

Submitted By

John P. Wielebnicki, Director of Public Works

Reviewed By

CLP

Agenda Item Title

A Resolution Approving an Independent Contractor Agreement with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2018 Parkway Tree Removal in an Amount not to Exceed \$190,000.00 and Authorizing its Execution

Overview

The Village has over 18,000 public trees on parkways and in other public spaces. Each year a portion of those trees need to be removed due to disease (Dutch elm disease), insect infestation (Emerald ash borer), storm damage and senescence. The Village contracts for these services through a year-long contract that bill at different rates depending on the season. Tree removal contractors are also called on to provide emergency services such as storm damage clean-up and emergency tree removal.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Resolution.

Fiscal Impact

The proposed FY 2018 budget recommends a total of \$350,000.00 for Parkway Tree Removal and \$50,000.00 for Storm Clean-up in the General Fund, External Support account no. 1001-43800-741-530667.

Background

The majority of tree removals within the Village have historically been contracted out. Tree removal contracts assist the village in a number of ways. They reduce loss by allowing staff to focus on identification of diseased trees and preventive care. They reduce liability by allowing contractors with appropriate equipment and staff to remove larger trees. Lastly, they enhance in-house customer service by enabling crews to respond to pruning and other requests more quickly and efficiently.

In 2011, the village began to bid out two separate season rate groups for removal. The development of these winter removal rates has resulted in significant cost saving for the village. A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. and Davis Tree Care, Inc. were the low and second low bidder in the summer and winter rate groups.

Experience over the last several years has determined that a single contractor can have difficulty keeping pace with removals and storm damage demands, especially if weather conditions for the season are severe. Staff

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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT WITH A & B LANDSCAPING AND TREE SERVICE, INC. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 PARKWAY TREE REMOVAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, State of Illinois ("Village"), in the exercise of their home rule powers, that the Independent Contractor Agreement ("Agreement") with A & B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc. for fiscal year 2018 Parkway Tree Removal Services is approved in an amount not to exceed \$190,000.00 and the Village Manager is authorized to execute the Agreement in substantially the form attached.

THIS RESOLUTION shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval as provided by law.

ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2017, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Abu-Taleb	✓			
Trustee Andrews	✓			
Trustee Boutet	✓			
Trustee Button	✓			
Trustee Moroney	✓			
Trustee Taglia	✓			
Trustee Tucker	✓			

APPROVED this 11th day of December, 2017.


Anan Abu-Taleb, Village President

ATTEST


Vicki Scaman, Village Clerk

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CONTRACT BOND



Contract Bond

A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc., as PRINCIPAL, and ACSTAR Insurance Company as SURETY, are held and firmly bound unto the Village of Oak Park (hereafter referred to as "Village") in the penal sum of Twenty Five Thousand 00/100 dollars (\$25,000), well and truly to be paid to the Village, for the payment of which its heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, are bound jointly to pay to the Village under the conditions of this instrument.

2018 Parkway Tree Removal

WHEREAS, THE CONDITION OF THE FOREGOING OBLIGATION IS SUCH that, the Principal has entered into a written contract with the Village, acting through its President and Board of Trustees, for the construction of work, which contract is hereby referred to and made a part hereof as if written herein at length, and whereby the Principal has promised and agreed to perform the work in accordance with the terms of the contract, and has promised to pay all sums of money due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to such Principal for the purpose of performing such work, including paying not less than the prevailing rate of wages in Cook County, where the work is for the construction of any public work subject to the Prevailing Wage Act, and has further agreed to save and indemnify and keep harmless the Village against all liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses which may in any manner accrue against the Village in consequence of granting such contract or which may in any manner result from the carelessness or neglect of the Principal, his agents, employees or workmen in any respect whatever; and has further agreed that this bond will inure to the benefit of any person, firm, company, or corporation, to whom any money may be due from the Principal, subcontractor or otherwise, for any such labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery so furnished and that suit may be maintained on such bond by any such person, firm, company, or corporation, for the recovery of any such money.

NOW THEREFORE, if the Principal shall well and truly perform the work in accordance with the terms of the contract, and shall pay all sums of money due or to become due for any labor, materials, apparatus, fixtures or machinery furnished to it for the purpose of constructing such work, and shall commence and complete the work within the time prescribed in the contract, and shall pay and discharge all damages, direct and indirect, that may be suffered or sustained on account of such work during the time of performance thereof and until the work shall have been accepted, and shall save and indemnify and keep harmless the Village against all liabilities, judgments, costs and expenses which may in any manner accrue against the Village in consequence of granting such contract or which may in any manner result from the carelessness or neglect of the Principal, his agents, employees or workmen in any respect whatever; and shall in all respects fully and faithfully comply with all the provisions, conditions, and requirements of the contract, then this obligation will be void; otherwise it will remain in full force and effect.

This bond is for a twelve month duration and non-renewal shall not be an event of default. Bond shall exclude any loss incurred by Obligor or others subsequent to bond expiration and excludes any procurement cost or expenses. The obligation incurred during bond period shall only apply to revenue earned during the bond period. Renewal premiums are due 30 days prior to any renewal date.



POWER OF ATTORNEY

No. 36661

This Power of Attorney must have original corporate seal and red and blue ACSTAR logo to be valid.

Know all men by these presents: That ACSTAR Insurance Company, a corporation of the State of Illinois, having its principal office in the Town of Farmington, Connecticut, pursuant to the following Resolution, which was adopted by the Board of Directors of the said Company on November 14, 2013, to wit:

RESOLVED, That the following Rules shall govern the execution for the Company of bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other writings in the nature thereof:

- (1) That the Chairman, the President, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, or any Attorney-in-fact, may execute for and on behalf of the Company any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other writings in the nature thereof, the same to be attested when necessary by the Corporate Secretary, or any Assistant Corporate Secretary, and the seal of the Company affixed thereto; and that the Chairman or President may appoint and authorize any other Officer (elected or appointed) of the Company, and Attorneys-in-Fact to so execute or attest to the execution of all such writings on behalf of the Company and to affix the seal of the Company thereto.
- (2) Any such writing executed in accordance with these Rules shall be as binding upon the Company in any case as though signed by the President and attested to by the Corporate Secretary.
- (3) The signature of the Chairman, the President, or Executive Vice President of the Company may be affixed by facsimile on any power of attorney granted pursuant to this Resolution, and the signature of a facsimile to any certificate of any such power, and any such power or certificate bearing such facsimile signature and seal shall be valid and binding on the Company.
- (4) Such other Officers of the Company, and Attorneys-in-Fact shall have authority to certify or verify copies of this Resolution, the By-Laws of the Company, and any affidavit or record of the Company necessary to the discharge of their duties.

does hereby nominate, constitute and appoint

HENRY W. NOZKO, JR., HENRY W. NOZKO III, GARY M. CASE, CARMEN CARLTON, each individually, its true and lawful Attorney-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver on its behalf, and as its act and deed any and all bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts and other writings in the nature thereof in penalties not exceeding TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000.00) each, and the execution of such writings in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon said Company, as fully and amply, as if they had been duly executed and acknowledged by the regularly elected officers of the Company at its principal office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Henry W. Nozko, Jr., President, have hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the corporate seal of the ACSTAR INSURANCE COMPANY this 15th day of November 2013.

ACSTAR Insurance Company

By

Henry W. Nozko, Jr.
Henry W. Nozko, Jr., President

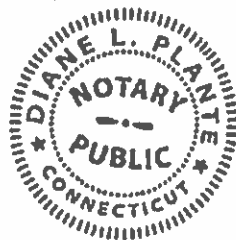
STATE OF CONNECTICUT)

) ss. FARMINGTON

COUNTY OF HARTFORD)

On this 15th day of November A.D. 2013, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Connecticut came, Henry W. Nozko, Jr., President of the ACSTAR Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the individual and officer who executed the preceding instrument, and he acknowledged that he executed the same, and the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the corporate seal of said Company; that the said corporate seal and his signature was duly affixed by the authority and direction of the said corporation, and the Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of said Company, referred to in the preceding instrument, is now in force.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at the Town of Farmington the day and year first above written.



Diane L. Plante

Diane L. Plante - Notary Public

My Commission Expiration Date: November 30, 2018

I, the undersigned, Secretary or Assistant Secretary of ACSTAR Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the original POWER OF ATTORNEY of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy, is in full force and effect.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Secretary or Assistant Secretary, and affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation, this 12th day of January, 2018.

Henry W. Nozko III

Henry W. Nozko III/Maurice C. Shea
Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, bank deposit, currency
rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PRINCIPAL and the SURETY have caused this instrument to be signed by their respective officers this 12th day of January, 2018.

NAME OF PRINCIPAL
A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, Inc.

By: [Signature]
Signature

By: Anton Rusko
Printed Name

Its: Es. Sales
Title

Subscribed to and Sworn before me on the
12th day of January, 2018.

Michelle Bulir Ruska
Notary Public



NAME OF SURETY
ACSTAR Insurance Company

By: [Signature]
Signature of Attorney-in-Fact Henry W. Nozko, Jr. - President

Subscribed to and Sworn before me on the
12th day of January, 2018.

Heather L. Sobotka
Notary Public

HEATHER L. SOBOTKA
NOTARY PUBLIC
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 31, 2010