



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 23-3395, **Version:** 1

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### **PROPOSED CONTRACT**

**Department(s):** Cook County Animal and Rabies Control

**Vendor:** Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois

**Request:** Authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute

**Good(s) or Service(s):** University of Illinois Zoological Pathology Program

**Contract Value:** \$550,000.00

**Contract period:** 10/19/2023 - 10/18/2028

**Potential Fiscal Year Budget Impact:** FY 2023 \$110,000.00, FY 2024 \$110,000.00, FY 2025 \$110,000.00, FY2026 \$110,000.00, FY2027 \$110,000.00

**Accounts:** 11312.1510.33925.521313

**Contract Number(s):** 2306-03091

#### **Concurrences:**

The contract-specific goal set on this contract was zero.

The Chief Procurement Officer concurs.

**Summary:** The Cook County Animal and Rabies Control requests authorization for the Chief Procurement Officer to enter into and execute a contract with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

This contract will allow the Department of Animal and Rabies Control to fully investigate and document all disease outbreaks of zoonotic or vector-borne diseases in humans by an accredited veterinary pathology laboratory. It is located at Brookfield Zoo. The University of Illinois Zoological Pathology Program functions as a Medical Examiner for animals and is the only full-time accredited wildlife, exotic and zoo pathology program in the state of Illinois.

The location at Brookfield Zoo allows the Department of Animal and Rabies Control to transport entire cadavers, which may be as large as an elk, to an accredited veterinary pathology laboratory without crossing State lines with potentially contaminated agents. Using a laboratory outside of Illinois would violate Federal laws prohibiting transportation of infectious materials across State lines.

This is a Sole Source Procurement pursuant to Section 34-139 of the Cook County Procurement Code..