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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Douglas-Hart Foundation is a private operating foundation in Coles County, Illinois that manages three unique properties: Friendship Garden, The Whiteside Garden, and the Douglas-Hart Nature Center. Its mission is *"Through the responsible stewardship of Helen Douglas-Hart's gifts, the Douglas-Hart Foundation will be a leader in promoting the appreciation, enjoyment, and conservation of our natural resources by providing quality programs for all ages."*

The Douglas-Hart Foundation was recently awarded a Tree Equity Grant through The Morton Arboretum. This grant includes invasive and hazard tree removal, other invasive species removal, tree plantings, education, and more across four years. The Douglas-Hart Foundation is requesting contract bids to achieve specific components of the grant as detailed below:

- Tree removal of 60 Black Locusts, *Robinia pseudoacacia* of various sizes
 - Removal must include complete felling of the tree plus clean-up. Preferred clean-up methods include chipping, hauling away, or bucking up. Clean-up methods must be detailed on the bid.
- Tree removal of 2 silver maple trees adjacent to the visitor center and outdoor classroom area.
 - Removal must include complete tree felling and clearing of all debris off trails and educational space. Please include an optional clean-up bid.

Request for proposal bids will be accepted through January 31, 2025, and winning bids will be notified in early February 2025. Work may begin as soon as the bid is accepted and the contract is signed but work must be complete within 12 months of a signed contract. Vendors must sign an AD1040 for this grant. Evidence contractors meet nationally recognized training and certification requirements is required.

To submit a proposal, or to meet and discuss the project please contact Hannah Schwanke, Land Stewardship Director at 217-235-4644 or email hschwanke@dhnature.org

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