

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark  
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From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: April 22, 2008

Subject: Intent to Award a contract for construction services for the Columbus Phase 9 AML project in Burke County

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Commission authorized procurement of construction services for the Columbus Phase 9 abandoned mine land site located in Burke County. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with ads placed in the major North Dakota daily newspapers, the Burke County paper, and a national publication. The project specifications were also placed on State Procurement's website. Ten bids were received in response to the solicitation and the bids were publicly opened on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The low bid came from Gratech Company, Ltd. of Berthold, North Dakota in the amount of \$1,160,963.04. The next lowest bid came from Edward H. Schwartz Construction, Inc. of New England, North Dakota in the amount of \$1,225,476.47. The highest bid was \$2,106,491.75. The staff estimate for the project was \$1,800,000.00.

The construction work will involve the elimination of dangerous highwalls and other grading at an abandoned surface mine southwest of Columbus. An Intent to Award a contract needs to be issued with an opportunity for other bidders to appeal the award of a contract to the low bidder.

I recommend the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Gratech Company, Ltd. in the amount of \$1,160,963.04 for construction services at the Columbus Phase 9 AML site. Attached is a motion for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting to issue the Intent to Award.

### Attachment

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