

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

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

Date: April 22, 2008

Subject: Intent to Award and the award of contract for construction services for the Williams County Road 9 Phase 3 AML project near Williston

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, the Commission authorized procurement of construction services for the Williams County Road 9 Phase 3 AML project. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with ads placed in the major North Dakota daily newspapers and a national publication. The project specifications were also placed on State Procurement's website. Only one responsive bid was received for this project in response to the solicitation and it was publicly opened on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The bid came from B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. (formerly Thiem Drilling, Inc.) of Williston, North Dakota in the amount of \$628,577.50. The staff estimate for this project was \$578,050.00.

The Commission is allowed to award a contract when there is only one bidder if the bidder is responsible and the price submitted is fair and reasonable. The AML Division believes the bid submitted by B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. is fair and reasonable and they have done work for the Commission in the past as Thiem Drilling, Inc. Since there were no other bidders, the Intent to Award and the actual award of a contract will be issued at the same time.

This project involves drilling and the injection of grout into abandoned underground mine workings along Williams County Road 9 and other public roads and in the Grandview Subdivision east of Williston.

I recommend the Commission issue an Intent to Award and award a contract to B & C Concrete Pumping, Inc. in the amount of \$628,577.50 for construction services at the Williams County Road 9 Phase 3 AML site. Attached is a motion for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Commission meeting to issue the Intent to Award and to award the contract.

Attachment

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