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July 30, 2008

**AML Maintenance
2008 Construction
Project**

Case No. AM-08-11

I move the Commission issue an intent to award a contract to Hanson's Excavating, Inc. for the 2008 Maintenance Sinkholes 3 AML Project that involves sinkhole filling at several abandoned underground mines in Williams County.

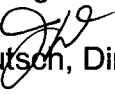
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Gloria Geiger

From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: July 29, 2008

Subject: Intent to award a contract for a sinkhole filling project at AML sites in Williams County

In mid June the AML Division solicited bids for construction services for three sinkhole filling projects at AML sites in western North Dakota. These AML maintenance projects entail excavation, backfilling, grading and seeding of surface sinkholes caused by underground mine collapse. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with solicitations posted on State Procurement's website. Although we solicited bids for three projects, we initially received bids on only two of the projects. We then re-opened and extended the solicitation for the third project for filling sinkholes at sites in Williams County near Williston.

We only received one bid for the Sinkholes 3 project and that was opened this morning. The sole bid on the project came from Hanson's Excavating, Inc. of Des Lacs, ND.

Hanson's bid for the Sinkholes 3 project is \$22,750, compared to the staff estimate of \$25,000. 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 from Hanson's Excavating is fair and reasonable and they have done work for the Commission in the past.

I recommend the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Hanson's Excavating, Inc. for construction services associated with the Williams County sinkhole filling project. Attached is a motion for the July 30th Commission meeting to issue the Intent to Award.

Attachment

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