


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Darrel Nitschke, Executive Secretary

From: Jim  Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: October 6, 2008

Subject: Intent to award a contract for a sinkhole filling project at AML sites in Burleigh, McLean and Ward Counties

In September, the AML Division solicited bids for construction services for a sinkhole filling project that involves several AML sites in west central North Dakota. The Sinkholes 4 maintenance project entails excavation, backfilling, grading and seeding of surface sinkholes caused by the collapse of underground mine workings near Garrison, Sawyer, Washburn and Wilton. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with solicitations posted on State Procurement's website.

We only received one bid for the Sinkholes 4 project and it was opened this morning. The sole bid came from Hanson's Excavating, Inc. of Des Lacs, ND. Hanson's bid for the Sinkholes 4 project is \$27,000, compared to the staff estimate of \$24,900. 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 Sinkholes 4 project. Attached is a motion for the October 8th Commission meeting to issue the Intent to Award.

Attachment

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