


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MOTION

August 27, 2008

**AML Emergency
2008 Ruud - Parshall
Project**

Case No. AM-08-577

I move the Commission issue an intent to award a contract to Ulteig Engineers, Inc. to conduct a structural survey of the Richard Ruud residence that was damaged during an AML emergency project.


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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Gloria Geiger
Annette Bendish, Legal Division

From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: August 26, 2008

Subject: Intent to award a contract for a structural survey associated with the 2008 Ruud – Parshall AML Emergency project

As you may recall, the concrete floor in the home of Richard Ruud north of Parshall was damaged while the AML Division was carrying out an emergency project in early July to fill an underground mine sinkhole that was immediately underneath and alongside the basement. While the grout and broken concrete was cleaned up in the basement, we believe it is prudent that a structural survey of the home be done to check for any other damages.

Earlier this month, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was sent out to solicit proposals for conducting a structural survey of the Ruud home. Information was sent to three firms in Bismarck and Minot that we believed are qualified for doing this survey. We received two proposals and bids for doing the survey. In reviewing the proposals that were received by the August 25th deadline, we believe that the proposal and bid from Ulteig Engineers, Inc. of Bismarck best meets the criteria in the RFP.

Ulteig's bid price for the structural survey and providing related recommendations is \$6,155.50. However, an additional item may be added for the use of ground penetrating radar to detect possible voids under the basement floor. This will be subject to negotiation on the terms of the contract with Ulteig. This compares to the staff estimate of \$13,500. The other proposal and bid was from Mercer Engineering, PC, of Minot in the amount of \$19,500. The AML Division believes the proposal and bid from Ulteig Engineers are reasonable and they appear well qualified to do the survey.

I recommend the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Ulteig Engineers for conducting a structural survey of the Ruud residence. Attached is a motion for the August 27th Commission meeting to issue the Intent to Award a contract. Following the intent to award, we will negotiate a contract with Ulteig based on their proposal and bid price.

Attachment

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