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MOTION

December 31, 2008

**Public Service Commission
2008 AML Coal Fire Suppression Grant
Approval**

Case No. AM-08-753

I move the Commission issue an intent to award a contract to Basaraba Excavating & Dirt Works LLC to extinguish coal outcrop fires at numerous locations in western North Dakota using funds from the 2008 AML Coal Fire Suppression Grant.

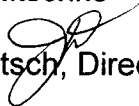
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Wefald, Cramer and Clark
Darrell Nitschke

From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division 

Date: December 29, 2008

Subject: Intent to award a contract for coal outcrop fire suppression at several sites in western North Dakota, Case No. AM-08-753

Earlier this fall, the AML Division received a special \$40,000 grant from OSM for coal outcrop fire suppression in western North Dakota. The AML Division solicited bids for construction services for this project that entails excavation and burial of burning lignite coal and the reshaping and seeding of affected areas. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with solicitations posted on State Procurement's website. The bids were opened today, Monday, December 29th, and we only received two bids. The low responsive bid came from Basaraba Excavating & Dirt Works LLC. of Wilton, ND.

Basaraba's bid for the coal fire suppression project is \$30,000. The other bid was submitted by Hanson's Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$34,800. The staff estimate for this project was \$40,000.

I recommend the Commission issue an intent to award a contract to Basaraba Excavating & Dirt Works LLC for construction services associated with the 2008 coal fire suppression grant. Attached is a motion for the December 31st Commission meeting.

Attachment

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