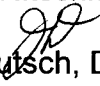


# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

State of North Dakota

## Memorandum

To: Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk  
Darrell Nitschke

From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: February 18, 2009

Subject: Procurement of construction services for the Hazen West Phase 2, AML Project

As previously discussed prior to the submittal of the 2009 AML grant application to OSM, one of the major AML construction project for 2009 will be the Hazen West Phase 2 project. AML staff have nearly completed the necessary documents to solicit bids for this project. The Hazen West Phase 2 project will involve highwall backfilling and spoil grading in two areas of an abandoned surface mine west of Hazen.

We plan to start advertising for bids by placing ads in five of the major daily state newspapers and the official county newspaper where the abandoned mine site is located. Ads will also be placed in "The Construction Bulletin", a publication with national circulation. The appropriate information will also be posted on the website for the State Office of Procurement. On-site pre-bid meeting is planned for April 14<sup>th</sup> and the bid opening is set for April 20<sup>th</sup>.

I recommend the Commission authorize procurement of construction services for the Hazen West Phase 2 project using competitive sealed bidding (formal advertising) procedures. Attached is a motion for the February 25, 2009 Commission meeting and the advertisement for bids to be signed by the Commission.

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