

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Cramer, Clark and Kalk
Darrell Nitschke

From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: August 23, 2010

Subject: Intent to Award a contract for coal outcrop fire suppression at several sites in Slope County, Case No. AM-10-329

Earlier this summer, the AML Division received a special \$25,000 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. We only received three bids and they were opened today, Monday, August 23rd. The low responsive bid came from Dave Titus Excavating, Inc. of Bismarck with a bid of \$20,975.

The other bids were submitted by Geray Dozing and Excavating of Mahanomen, MN, in the amount of \$24,375 and Unlimited Excavating, Inc. of Washburn in the amount of \$24,700. The staff estimate for this project was \$25,000.

I recommend the Commission issue an Intent to Award a contract to Dave Titus Excavating, Inc. for construction services associated with the 2010 Coal Fire Suppression Grant. Attached is a motion for the August 24th Commission meeting. The other two bidders will have the opportunity to appeal the Intent to Award before the actual award of a contract.

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