



# Public Service Commission

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**To:** Prospective Bidders

**From:** Abandoned Mine Lands Division, NDPSC

**Date:** April 13, 2011

**Subject:** 2011 Wilton-Garrison Emergency Reclamation Project

Enclosed for your consideration is a request for quotes to reclaim sinkholes at abandoned underground coal mine sites near Wilton and Garrison, North Dakota. This project will entail excavation, backfilling, grading and seeding of surface sinkholes caused by underground mine collapse.

The Abandoned Mine Lands Division (AML) of the North Dakota Public Service Commission (PSC) is interested in receiving bids from qualified construction firms to achieve reclamation within these selected project areas. Contractors are required to understand that project work will be conducted over inherently dangerous collapsing underground mines. All precautionary measures shall be taken by the contractor to adequately protect public safety, property, workers and equipment. The State assumes no liability for the contractor's safety plan or activities. The contractor is responsible for determining the presence and location of any and all utility facilities within the project area and to ensure that these are not destroyed, damaged or affected.

Project legal descriptions, estimated volumes, landowner contacts, standard requirements and the bid form are included in the following pages. Bids shall be submitted on a per cubic yard basis of the estimated quantities as stipulated. The contractors per cubic yard bid (and mobilization) shall cover all costs associated with the project. No additional payment will be made for fuel, recontouring, utility location, seeding, traffic control, repairs, clean-up or anything else. Prior to beginning work, the successful bidder shall provide a valid North Dakota Contractors License within the classification value of the project bid amount, and a liability insurance policy of no less than \$250,000 per person and \$1,000,000 per occurrence with provisions required by the contract.

If interested, please submit your bid for the project (on the bid form provided) by **9:00 a.m. Central Time, Monday April 18, 2011**. Bids may be e-mailed or faxed to the Commission (701-328-2133) and a hard copy sent to: North Dakota Public Service Commission, Abandoned Mine Lands Division, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480. The successful bidder is expected to submit the required documents, sign a contract and begin work as directed by the Commission Project Manager. This project must be completed as soon as possible, but no later than April 29, 2011. The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids or waive any irregularities in bids received. Contractors will be required to comply with all terms, conditions and requirements contained in the contract for this project. Questions regarding project work may be directed to Bill Dodd of the Abandoned Mine Lands Division at (701) 328-4101.

## **Standard Requirements for Sinkhole Filling**

1. Remove and stockpile topsoil or suitable plant growth material from around/within sinkhole.
2. Excavate the sinkhole (as directed) with a backhoe or excavator.
3. Backfill sinkhole with approved fill material, compaction with backhoe bucket required between lifts.
4. Grade area to blend with adjacent topography and re-establish drainage.
5. Repair any damages or rutting on access trails, borrow areas, or any other affected areas.
6. Respread topsoil over disturbed areas and finish-grade.
7. Seed (broadcast spreader allowed) all disturbed areas with approved seed mixture.
8. Drag the seeded areas with a spike-tooth harrow or equivalent.

Contract payment will be determined using actual fill volume computed at the bid price on a per cubic yard basis. After each working day, the contractor shall submit measured volumes of material quantities utilized. There will be no allowance given for swell or shrinkage and measurement will be based on truck load and/or scraper load quantities. The final contract price will be determined using actual final volume computed at the bid price on a per cubic yard basis. The Commission reserves the right to estimate volumes based on hourly equipment rates. The contractor is allowed to provide the equipment of his choice; however, an excavator or backhoe must be provided for required topsoil removal, excavation and compaction of all sinkholes.

Bidders are encouraged to visit the sites and take other steps reasonably necessary to ascertain the nature and location of the work and the local conditions that can affect the work or cost. Failure to do so will not relieve bidders from their responsibility of properly estimating the difficulty or cost of successfully performing the work. Please note that the volume estimate is not guaranteed. The Project Manager may increase or decrease quantities and add or remove sites as conditions warrant.

### **Site Descriptions for 2011 Wilton-Garrison Emergency Project**

- **Wilton (Hwy 36) Site (2 sinkholes)**

Location: Burleigh County, T142N, R79W, Section 5, SW¼, in and near the north ditch of Highway 36 approximately 3.1 miles east of its junction with Highway 83

Fill Material: Available near site, approximate haul distance one-half mile. Estimated volume of 50 cubic yards

Landowner Contact: Kevin Levi, District Engineer NDDOT, 328-6955  
Jim Krzmarzick, 337-5813

- **Garrison Site (3 sinkholes)**

Location: McLean County, T148N, R84W, Section 18, NE¼, approximately 500-700 feet southwest of the junction of ND Highway 37 and McLean County Highway 15 (Fort Stevenson Road).

Fill Material: Available near site, approximate haul distance one mile. Estimated volume of 70 cubic yards

Landowner Contact: Dean Folden, 463-2093

**BID FORM**

**North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Abandoned Mine Lands Division  
2011 Wilton-Garrison Emergency Project**

<u>Bid Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Unit Price</u>	=	<u>Total</u>
Mobilization	Lump Sum	2	X	_____	=	_____
Sinkhole Filling	Cubic Yard	120	X	_____	=	_____

**Total (In Numbers)** \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to perform all work as described at the specified project sites for the price I have submitted.

Name of Bidder (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID Number (If not Incorporated) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signed and Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\*\* Please detach this form and submit with any other required bidding documents \*\*\*\*\***

**Bidders List for 2011 Wilton-Garrison Emergency Project**

**Basaraba Excavating and Dirt Works**

P.O. Box 125

Wilton, ND 58579

Phone 734-8143

E-Mail: [basarabax@msn.com](mailto:basarabax@msn.com)

**Dave Titus Excavating, Inc.**

3614 Saratoga Ave

Bismarck, ND

Phone 250-7186

E-mail: [dave.titusexc@midconetwork.com](mailto:dave.titusexc@midconetwork.com)

**Dig It Up Backhoe Service**

800 163<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE

Minot, ND 58701

Phone 722-3315

E-mail: [ptbohl@srt.com](mailto:ptbohl@srt.com)

**Hanson's Excavating**

9515 198<sup>th</sup> St. SW

Des Lacs, ND 58733

Phone 725-4364

Email: [shanson89@hotmail.com](mailto:shanson89@hotmail.com)

**Unlimited Excavating**

1107 Pleasant Ln,

Washburn, ND 58577

Phone 462-8366, 220-2532

Email: [unlimitedexcavating@live.com](mailto:unlimitedexcavating@live.com)