


# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Clark, Kalk and Cramer  
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From: Jim , Director - AML Division

Date: May 23, 2012

Subject: Contract for the Columbus Phase 14 AML project

In February the AML Division prepared an Invitation for Bids for the Columbus Phase 14 project in Burke County. This project involves the leveling of mine spoil piles, applying soil amendments and seeding of 350 acres, installation of erosion control measures, and fencing at the Columbus AML site. The application of soil amendments and seeding includes areas that have been or will be backfilled and graded under project Phases 11, 12 and 13 at the Columbus site. (Phase 13 for highwall backfilling and spoil grading will also be carried out this year.) The bid opening for the Phase 14 project was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and five bids were received.

The low bid was received from Riley Bros. Construction, Inc. of Morris, MN, in the amount of \$925,675. The other bids ranged from \$966,250 to \$1,299,800 and the project manager's (Mark Knell) estimate was \$1,200,000. A notice of intent to award a contract to Riley Bros. was issued on April 27<sup>th</sup>. None of the other bidders appealed the Intent to Award and a contract was sent to Riley Bros. for signing on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The signed contract has been returned and properly executed performance and payment bonds, liability insurance documents, and other materials were also submitted by Riley Bros. as requested. The contract is now ready for execution by the Commission. The AML Division has sufficient funds in current OSM grants for this and other projects planned for 2012.

I recommend the Commission execute the contract with Riley Bro. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$925,675 for the Columbus Phase 14 project. Attached is a motion for the May 30<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting to execute the contract.

Attachment

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