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May 21, 2015

Mr. Jeff Fleischman, Chief
Denver Field Division
Office of Surface Mining
P.O. Box 11018
Casper WY 82602-5004

RE: Closeout of North Dakota's 2014-17 AML Administrative Grant, S14AF20015-0001-SS01

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

The Public Service Commission's Letter of Credit for the administrative portion of AML Grant GR407380 can be de-obligated in an amount totaling \$120,243.32. This is the balance in Administrative Subaccount S14AF20015-0001-SS01.

Please move the administrative subaccount balance of **\$120,243.32 into the construction portion** of our 2014-2017 AML grant under the state share subaccount, S14AF20015-0002-SS03, or create of new subaccount for these funds. Attached is an updated Form 424 to reflect the reduction in the administrative portion of the grant and as well as Form 51 with an attachment that contains a narrative report for the administrative portion of the grant. A completed SF425 is also included for the 2014 Administrative grant.

All allowable, allocable and reasonable costs have been paid, work under the administrative portion is considered complete, and, except as noted above, the funds have been expended. OSM is released from all obligations under or arising from the administrative portion of AML Grant GR407380, subject to final audit, if any.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

James Deutsch
Director
AML Division


Attachments

cc: Steve Trujillo

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Standard Form 424

OMB Approval No. 0348-0043

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED 05/20/15	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application x <i>Pre-application</i>		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier ND140226-0045
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier GR407380 - Admin Grant S14AF20015-0001-SS01
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: Public Service Commission		Organizational Unit: Abandoned Mine Lands Division	
Address (give city, county, state, and zip code) 600 E Boulevard Ave., Dept 408 Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 Burleigh County		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) James Deutsch (701) 328-2251	
5. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 4 5 - 0 3 0 9 7 6 4 Duns Number: 802-744-946		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT (enter appropriate letter in box) [A] A. State H. Independent School District B. County I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revision If revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es): [B] <input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other (specify):		C. Municipal J. Private University D. Township K. Indian Tribe E. Interstate L. Individual F. Intermunicipal M. Profit Organization G. Special District N. Other (Specify)	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER 15 - 252		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING	
TITLE: ND Abandoned Mine Lands Program		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: 2014-2017 North Dakota AML Simplified Grant Administrative Portion	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (cities, counties, states, etc.) Entire State			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT:		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
Start Date 3/1/2014	Ending Date 2/28/2015	a. Applicant North Dakota	b. Project North Dakota
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	-\$120,243.32	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON: DATE 2/26/2014	
b. Applicant		b. NO <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E.O. 12372 <input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED FOR STATE REVIEW	
c. State		17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
d. Local			
e. Other			
f. Program Income			
g. TOTAL	-\$120,243.32		
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.			
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative James R. Deutsch		b. Title Director, AML Division, Public Service Commission	c. Telephone number 701-328-2251
d. Signature of Authorized Representative 		e. Date Signed May 21, 2015	

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Office of Surface Mining
Washington, DC 20240

Performance Report

Program Narrative Statement

1. Type of Program (Check Appropriate Box)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abandoned Mine Lands Program	
2. Grant Recipient	Type of Report: Grant (Administrative) Closeout Report – GR407380
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408 BISMARCK, ND 58505-0480	
3. Project Title/Program GR407380	
Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Grant	
4. Performing Organization	
SAME AS ABOVE	
5. Program Narrative	
Please see the attached narrative for the closeout report for the administrative portion of the grant.	

2014 Administrative Grant Closeout Narrative

Administrative Activities

This portion of North Dakota's 2014 AML grant was used by the Public Service Commission to administer North Dakota's Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program for the 12-month grant period that began on March 1, 2014 and ended on February 28, 2015. Costs charged to this portion of the grant included the salary and fringe benefits for the division's director and assistant director for overseeing and managing activities in the AML Division, work performed by the GIS Specialist, about one-quarter of an administrative assistant's time, and some of the time for other AML staff members.

Some staff time was also spent reviewing OSM rules and policies related to the AML program. Staff time that was spent to attend training and attending conferences, meetings of the National Association of Abandoned Mine Lands Program and Interstate Mining Compact Commission were also charged to the administrative grant.

In addition to general management and administrative costs for staff, other activities included budget preparation, preparing information and data for OSM's annual oversight of the program, reviewing applicable policies and procurement guidelines, responding to requests for information, etc. Indirect costs were determined based on the total amount of salaries and benefits charged to the administrative grant.

Another significant activity during the grant period was enhancing the geographic information system (GIS) used for the mine maps and other data associated with the AML program. Progress was made during the period on adding additional information to the GIS and other enhancements. Abandoned mine information is also posted to North Dakota GIS Hub.

No equipment purchases of \$5,000 or more were made during the grant year. Other costs included rent, office supplies, copying, printing, membership dues, etc.

Summary of projects that were associated with the 2014 Administrative Grant

2014 Scranton/Bowman Phase Project: This project involved drilling and pumping pressurized grout into collapsed underground mine workings. The project included areas along county roads near Scranton in Bowman County. Approximately 10,998 feet of drilling was conducted and 3,056 cubic yards of grout were injected into underground mined workings. The work was conducted in the summer of 2014. A separate contract was also issued for field and laboratory testing of the grout.

2014 Beulah/Zap – Phase 15 Project: This project involved drilling and pumping pressurized grout into collapsed underground mine workings. The project included areas along county roads north of Beulah. Approximately 7,025 feet of vertical drilling and 1,393 feet of angled drilling were conducted and 5,252 cubic yards of grout were

injected into underground mined workings. The work was conducted in the fall of 2014. A separate contract was also issued for field and laboratory testing of the grout.

2014 Hazen West Phase 3 Project – This project involved reducing the slopes of about 3,000 feet of highwalls and spoil grading at an abandoned surface mine west of Hazen. Approximately 30 acres of highwalls and mine pits were reclaimed. Approximately 315,000 cubic yards of overburden material was moved during the reclamation process. Most of the work was carried during the summer and fall of 2014 but final seeding and fencing was not finished until the spring of 2015.

2014 Exploratory Drilling – This project involved rotary drilling and drill hole casing at abandoned underground mines to better define the extent of the mine workings. This work was conducted in the Wilton area. The total footage drilled was 25,727 feet and 5,023 feet of drilled holes were cased when mine voids were found. Most of the work was carried in the fall of 2014 but some of the drilling and final cleanup was not finished until the spring of 2015.

2013-14 Maintenance Project – The 2014 phase of this project involved the filling of sinkholes caused by abandoned underground coal mines at sites near the towns of Bowman, Haynes, Dickinson, Richardton, New Salem, Beulah, Garrison and Wilton. Approximately 196 sinkholes were filled at these sites, including 22 sinkholes near Bowman and Dickinson that were emergencies. Erosion features were also repaired at the Richardton site and Buechler/Velva surface mine site. The work was done in the spring and fall of 2014.

2015 Projects – Some staff time was also spent preparing plans for designing major construction projects for 2015. These are the Columbus Phase 15 projects at abandoned surface mines and drilling and grouting of underground coal mine workings at the Scranton/Bowman (Phase 3) sites and Wilton sites.

Staff also responded to numerous sinkhole reports and questions about the location of abandoned mines.

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FEDERAL FINANCIAL REPORT

(Follow form instructions)

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Office of Surface Mining		2. Federal Grant or Other Identifying Number Assigned by Federal Agency (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) S14AF20015-0001-SS01 (AML Admin 2014-2015)			Page 1	of 1
3. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including Zip code) AML Division, Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480						
4a. DUNS Number 802-744-946	4b. EIN 45-0309764	5. Recipient Account Number or Identifying Number (To report multiple grants, use FFR Attachment) GR407380		6. Report Type <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Final	7. Basis of Accounting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual	
8. Project/Grant Period From: (Month, Day, Year) 3/01/2014			To: (Month, Day, Year) 2/28/2015		9. Reporting Period End Date (Month, Day, Year) 2/28/2015	
10. Transactions					Cumulative	

(Use lines a-c for single or multiple grant reporting)

Federal Cash (To report multiple grants, also use FFR Attachment):

a. Cash Receipts	
b. Cash Disbursements	
c. Cash on Hand (line a minus b)	

(Use lines d-o for single grant reporting)

Federal Expenditures and Unobligated Balance:

d. Total Federal funds authorized	\$374,750.00
e. Federal share of expenditures	\$254,506.68
f. Federal share of unliquidated obligations	\$0.00
g. Total Federal share (sum of lines e and f)	\$254,506.68
h. Unobligated balance of Federal funds (line d minus g)	\$120,243.32

Recipient Share:

i. Total recipient share required	\$0.00
j. Recipient share of expenditures	\$0.00
k. Remaining recipient share to be provided (line i minus j)	\$0.00

Program Income:

l. Total Federal program income earned	\$0.00
m. Program income expended in accordance with the deduction alternative	\$0.00
n. Program income expended in accordance with the addition alternative	\$0.00
o. Unexpended program income (line l minus line m or line n)	\$0.00

	a. Type	b. Rate	c. Period From	Period To	d. Base	e. Amount Charged	f. Federal Share
11. Indirect Expense	Approved	31.35%	3/01/2015	2/28/2014	\$159,621.01	\$50,041.19	\$50,041.19
					g. Totals:	\$159,621.01	\$50,041.19

12. Remarks: Attach any explanations deemed necessary or information required by Federal sponsoring agency in compliance with governing legislation:

13. Certification: By signing this report, I certify that it is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official James R. Deutsch, Director AML Division	c. Telephone (Area code, number and extension) (701) 328-2251 d. Email address jdeutsch@nd.gov
b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official 	e. Date Report Submitted (Month, Day, Year) May 21, 2015
14. Agency use only:	

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