

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

## Memorandum

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Subject: Material Testing Contract for the Scranton\Bowman AML Phase 2 project,  
Case No. AM-14-42

In early March the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids for material testing and other services for the 2014 Scranton/Bowman Phase 2 project. The primary project work involves drilling and the injection of pressurized grout into abandoned underground mine workings near Scranton, Bowman and Reeder. However, we have a separate contract for the collection and lab testing of grout samples and other services. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to specified registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The public bid opening occurred on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and three responsive bids were received. The low bidder was Northeast Technical Services of Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$32,500. The other two bids were \$35,200 and \$38,580. The staff estimate for this work was \$38,000.

A notice of intent to award a contract to Northeast Technical Services was issued on April 25<sup>th</sup> and the contract was sent to them for signing on May 8<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 Northeast Technical Services 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 the other projects planned for 2014.

I recommend the Commission execute Contract No. 698-14 with Northeast Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$32,500 for material testing at the Scranton/Bowman Phase 2 project. Attached is a motion for the May 28<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting for executing the contract.

Attachment

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