


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kalk, Christmann and Fedorchak
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From: Jim  Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: June 4, 2014

Subject: Material Testing Contract for the Beulah/Zap Phase 2 AML project, Case No. AM-14-43

In early March the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids for material testing and other services for the 2014 Beulah/Zap Phase 15 project. The primary project work involves drilling and the injection of pressurized grout into abandoned underground mine workings north of Beulah. 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 22nd and three responsive bids were received. The low bidder was GEOSERV, Inc. of Bismarck in the amount of \$32,000. The other two bids were \$34,490 and \$42,910. The staff estimate for this work was \$41,000.

A notice of intent to award a contract to GEOSERV was issued on April 25th and the contract was sent to them for signing on May 8th. The signed contract has been returned and properly executed performance and payment bonds, liability insurance documents, and other requested materials have been received. 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. 696-14 with GEOSERV, Inc. in the amount of \$32,000 for material testing at the Beulah/Zap Phase 15 project. Attached is a motion for the June 11th Commission meeting for executing the contract.

Attachment

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