

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 19, 2014

Subject: Contract for AML's 2014 Exploratory Drilling Project, Case No. AM-14-44

In early March the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids for rotary drilling and drill hole casing for the 2014 Exploratory Drilling Project at abandoned underground mines. This project involves drilling to locate abandoned underground mine workings, primarily along public roads in the Wilton area. Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to the appropriate registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The public bid opening occurred on April 22nd and four responsive bids were received for this project. The bid came from Antler Enterprises, Inc. of Black Hawk, SD in the amount of \$186,500. The other bids ranged from \$198,585 to \$996,250. The staff estimate for this project was \$232,000.

A notice of intent to award a contract to Antler Enterprises was issued on April 25th and a 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 other projects planned for 2014.

I recommend the Commission execute Contract No. 699-14 with Antler Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$186,500 for rotary drilling and other work for this project. Attached is a motion for the June 25th Commission meeting for executing the contract.

Attachment

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