


# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## Abandoned Mine Lands Division

### Memorandum

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

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Subject: Contract for AML's 2015 Columbus Phase 15 Project, Case No. AM-15-53

In early March the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for the 2015 Columbus Phase 15 Project. This project involves the elimination of nearly 5,000 feet of highwalls at two abandoned surface mines in Burke County. About 255,000 cubic yards of spoil material will be used to backfill the highwalls and about 65 acres will be reclaimed at the two sites.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The bid opening was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and six bids were received. The low bid was received from Gary Morlock Construction, Inc. of Bismarck in the amount of \$528,150. The other five bids ranged from \$566,455 to \$860,862.90. The AML Division's cost estimate for this project was \$470,000.

A Notice of Intent to Award a contract to Gary Morlock Construction was issued on April 28<sup>th</sup>. None of the other bidders appealed the Intent to Award and on May 11<sup>th</sup> the contract was sent to Morlock to execute. The signed contract has been returned and we have also received performance and payment bonds, a certificate of liability insurance, and other materials that were requested. The contract is now ready for execution by the Commission.

I recommend the Commission execute the contract with Gary Morlock Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$528,150 for construction services at the 2015 Columbus Phase 15 AML Project. Attached is a motion for the May 27<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

Attachment

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