

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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From: Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: May 26, 2015

Subject: Material Testing Contract for AML's 2015 Scranton/Bowman Phase 3 and Wilton Project, Case No. AM-15-54

In early March the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for material testing at the 2015 Scranton/Bowman Phase 3 and Wilton Project. This IFB was for grout testing and other services associated with the drilling and grouting project at sites near Scranton, Bowman, Wilton and Reeder. In addition to the actual drilling and grouting contract for filling underground mine voids, a separate contract is issued for testing the grout (including its strength), batch plant inspections, and stress monitoring of nearby buildings and structures.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The bid opening was held on April 23rd and two bids were received. The low bid was received from Northeast Technical Services, Inc. of Virginia, MN in the amount of \$63,550. The other bid was in the amount of \$64,740. The AML Division's cost estimate for this part of the project was \$71,400.

A Notice of Intent to Award a contract to Northeast Technical Services was issued on April 28th. The other bidder did not appeal the Intent to Award and on May 11th a contract was sent to Northeast Technical Services 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 Northeast Technical Services, Inc. in the amount of \$63,550 for material testing at the 2015 Scranton/Bowman Phase 3 and Wilton AML Project. Attached is a motion for the May 27th Commission meeting.

Attachment

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