


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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From:  Jim Deutsch, Director - AML Division

Date: May 11, 2016

Subject: Material Testing Contract for AML's 2016 Wilton Phase 2 Project, Case No. AM-16-25

In mid-February the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for material testing and other services associated with the 2016 Wilton Phase 2 Project. This IFB was for testing the grout that is pumped into mine voids and other services associated with this year's drilling and grouting project near Wilton. 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) and batch plant inspections.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The bid opening was held on April 7th and two bids were received for the material testing. The low bid was received from GEOSERV, INC. of Bismarck in the amount of \$43,985. The other bid was from Northeast Technical Services of Virginia, MN, in the amount of \$49,650. The AML Division's cost estimate for this project was \$52,000.

The Notice of Intent to Award a contract to GEOSERV was sent to both bidders on April 8th. The other bidder did not appeal the Intent to Award and on April 19th a contract was sent to GEOSERV 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 GEOSERV, INC. in the amount of \$43,985 for material testing and other services at the 2016 Wilton Phase 2 AML Project. Attached is a motion for the May 18th Commission meeting.

Attachment

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