


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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From: Dean Moos, Director - AML Division
Date: May 4, 2017
Subject: Contract for AML's 2017 Exploratory Drilling Project, Case No. AM-17-81

In early February, the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for rotary drilling and drill hole casing for the 2017 Exploratory Drilling Project at abandoned underground mines. This project involves drilling to locate abandoned underground mine workings, primarily along public roads and near homes and residential areas in the Roseglen, Shell Lake (near Parshall), Noonan, Foxholm, New Town, and Burlington areas.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The public bid opening was held on March 14th and two responsive bids were received. The low bid was received from S&S Drilling, Inc. of Williston, ND in the amount of \$199,000. The other bid was for \$215,580. The AML Division's cost estimate for this project was \$315,500.

A Notice of Intent to Award a contract to S&S Drilling, Inc. was issued on March 15th. The other bidder did not appeal the Intent to Award and on March 27th the contract was sent to S&S Drilling 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. The AML Division has sufficient funds in current OSM grants for this and other projects planned for 2017.

I recommend the Commission execute the contract with S&S Drilling, Inc. in the amount of \$199,000 for rotary drilling services and other work associated with the 2017 Exploratory Drilling AML Project. Attached is a motion to execute the contract at the May 10th Commission meeting.

Attachment

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