

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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From: *DKM*
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Date: May 10, 2018

Subject: Material Testing Contract for the 2018 Wilton Phase 4, Shell Lake and Williams County Road 9 Phase 6 AML Project, Case No. AM-18-95

In mid-February, the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bid (IFB) for material testing and other services associated with the Wilton Phase 4, Shell Lake and Williams County Road 9 Phase 6 AML 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, Parshall and Williston. 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 9 and two bids were received for the material testing. The low bid was from GEOSERV, INC. of Bismarck for \$51,200. The other bid was from Northern Technologies of Fargo for \$51,900. The AML Division's cost estimate for this project was \$62,450.

The Notice of Intent to Award a contract to GEOSERV, INC. was issued to all bidders on April 10. No protests were received within seven days. On April 23, a contract was sent to GEOSERV, INC. to sign. The signed contract has been returned and we have also received performance and payment bonds, a certificate of liability insurance, and other requested materials. The contract is ready for execution by the Commission.

I recommend the Commission execute the contract with GEOSERV, Inc. for \$51,200 for material testing and other services for the 2018 Wilton Phase 4, Shell Lake and Williams County Road 9 Phase 6 AML Project. Attached is a motion for the May 15 Commission meeting.

Attachment

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