

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

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Subject: Contract for AML's 2019 Exploratory Drilling Project, Case No. AM-19-78

On March 1, the AML Division issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) for drilling and casing drill holes and associated work for the 2019 Exploratory Drilling Project at abandoned underground mines. This project involves drilling to locate abandoned underground mine workings, primarily at a business along Williams County Road 9 near Williston.

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 12 and two bids were received. The low bid was received from Agapito Associate, Inc. (AAI) of Grand Junction, CO in the amount of \$366,890. The other bid was for \$800,000. The AML Division's cost estimate for this project was \$404,650.

A Notice of Intent to Award a contract to AAI was issued on March 13. The other bidder did not appeal the Intent to Award and on March 21, the contract was sent to AAI 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 2019.

I recommend the Commission execute the contract with Agapito Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$366,890 for drilling services and other work associated with the 2019 Exploratory Drilling AML Project. Attached is a motion to execute the contract at the April 11 Commission meeting.

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