

# PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## Abandoned Mine Lands Division

### Memorandum

TO: Commissioners Kroshus, Fedorchak, and Christmann  
Steve Kahl, Executive Secretary  
John Schuh, General Counsel

From: *DKM*  
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Date: July 2, 2020

Subject: Contract for the 2020 Noonan Foamed Sand AML Project, Case No. AM-20-182

In March, the AML Division issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 2020 Noonan Foamed Sand AML Project. This project is for pumping foamed sand and pressurized grout into underground mine workings that are located on Game and Fish property and along a highway near Noonan. Foamed sand is a relatively new method of backfilling underground mines. It has been used successfully in Colorado and Wyoming. Foamed sand could potentially save on the cost of underground mine reclamation. It eliminates the need for cement and flyash that our standard grout mix design requires. It can be used in more remote locations. The components, a foaming surfactant, sand and water, are safe for the environment. The AML Division estimates the project will require 1,000 tons of foamed sand and 500 cubic yards of grout to fill subsurface voids. Drilling and coring will be done as needed to verify the placement of the foamed sand and grout.

RFP procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. Offers were submitted by Agassiz Concrete Pumping, LLC and Hanson's Excavating, Inc. on or before the May 7, 2020 deadline. The offers were evaluated by a committee comprised of Dean Moos, Bruce Beechie, Matt Fischer and Joan Breiner. A Best and Final Offer was requested and both Offerors responded by June 1. Based on the scoring of the evaluation criteria, the evaluation committee selected the offer of Agassiz Concrete Pumping, LLC in the amount of \$406,750.00.

The Notice of Intent to Award a contract to Agassiz Concrete Pumping, LLC was issued on June 2. No protests were received. On June 15, a contract was sent to Agassiz Concrete Pumping, LLC to execute. The signed contract has been returned. 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 the current OSM grants for this and other projects planned for 2020.

We recommend the Commission execute the contract with Agassiz Concrete Pumping, LLC. for the 2020 Noonan Foamed Sand AML Project. Attached is a motion to execute the contract at the July 8, 2020 Commission meeting.

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