

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Abandoned Mine Lands Division**

Memorandum

TO: Zanna Brinkman, Director - Abandoned Mine Lands Division

From: Joan Breiner <sup>JB</sup> and Ross Edison <sup>RWE</sup>

Date: June 23, 2022

Subject: 2022 Garrison Phase 5 Material Testing AML Project, Case No. AM-22-21

On February 28, 2022, the AML Division issued a solicitation for structural surveys, field sampling and laboratory testing of cementitious grout near Garrison, ND. The AML Division estimates the project will require 150 hours of field representation, 2 structural surveys, and 40 series of laboratory testing.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The bid opening was held on March 24, 2022. Bids were received from Material Testing Services, LLC. of Minot for \$22,800.00 and GEOSERV, Inc. of Bismarck, ND for \$22,390.00.

The Notice of Intent to Award a contract to GEOSERV, Inc. was issued to all bidders on April 4, 2022. No protests were received. On April 20, 2022, a contract was sent to GEOSERV, Inc. to execute. The signed contract has been returned. We have 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 2022.

We recommend the Executive Director execute the contract with GEOSERV, Inc. for material testing services at the 2022 Garrison Phase 5 Material Testing AML Project.

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