


PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Steve Kahl, Executive Director
John Schuh, General Counsel
Zanna Brinkman, AML Director

From: Joan Breiner ^{ywb} and Michael Howe 

Date: February 22, 2022

Subject: Contract for AML's 2022 Morton County Phase 3 AML Project, Case No. AM-22-25; Contract No. AM-862-22

On January 6, 2022, the AML Division requested quotes from three different contractors for tree removal for the 2022 Morton County Phase 3 AML Project. On February 8, 2022 four additional contractors were contacted. Tree removal is being done prior to the project to protect nesting bats and bird species. The 2022 Morton County Phase 3 AML Project involves the elimination of dangerous highwalls at two abandoned surface mines in Morton County. This contract is for felling and removing approximately 34 trees located on or near the disturbance area of the project.

Two contractors responded to our request. Young Guns Construction, Inc. and Advanced Tree Service, Inc. The low quote was Advanced Tree Service, Inc. and a contract was developed from that quote. The contract was delivered to Mr. Stan Churchill on February 23, 2022. The signed contract has been returned and we have received a certificate of liability insurance and other requested materials. The contract is ready for execution by the Commission.

We recommend the Commission execute the contract with Advanced Tree Service, Inc. in the amount of not greater than \$25,000 for the felling and removal of trees at the 2022 Morton County Phase 3 AML Project.