

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

TO: Steve Kahl, Executive Director
John Schuh, General Counsel
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From: Brett Job & Matt Fischer
Date: June 4, 2024
Subject: 2024 Lehigh Road Phase IX Materials Testing AML Project, Case No. AM-23-359

On March 4, 2024, the AML Division solicited a material testing IFB for a drilling and grouting project of abandoned underground mines near Dickinson, ND. The AML Division estimates the material testing will require 150 hours of field representation, 4 structural surveys, 3 fine aggregate tests, and 50 sets of concrete strength testing.

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, 2024. Bids were received from GEOSERV, Inc. of Bismarck, ND for \$27,450.00 and Terracon Consultants, Inc. of Bismarck, ND for \$23,558.00.

The Notice of Intent to Award a contract to GEOSERV, Inc. was issued on April 10, 2024. Terracon Consultants, Inc.'s bid was deemed nonresponsive. No protests were received. On April 18, 2024, 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 pertinent contractual documents. 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 2024.

We recommend the Executive Director execute the contract with GEOSERV, Inc. for the 2024 Lehigh Road Phase IX Materials Testing AML Project.

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