


**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**Abandoned Mine Lands Division**

Memorandum

TO: Steve Kahl, Executive Director  
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From: MF Matt Fischer and Mike Howe 

Date: May 15, 2025

Subject: 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 AML Project, Case No. AM-24-353

On March 12, 2025, the AML Division issued a solicitation for reclaiming an abandoned coal mine near Velva, ND. The AML Division estimates the project will require moving 975,000 cubic yards of material to reclaim the abandoned coal mine.

Competitive sealed bidding procedures were used with notices issued to registered vendors through the State Procurement Office. The bid opening was held on April 8, 2025. Bids were received from Young Gun Construction, LLC. of Ludlow, SD for \$2,359,836.25, MitRes Services, LLC of Longview, TX for \$4,244,360.00, North Wind Response and Reclamation, LLC of Idaho Falls, ID for \$3,898,954.00, Blue Stone Construction, Inc. of Minot, ND for \$3,305,175.00, Veit & Company, Inc. of Rogers, MN for \$4,316,529.50, RES of Grimes, IA for \$9,868,304.50, Gladen Construction, Inc. of Laporte, MN for \$5,549,692.50, Martin Construction, Inc. of Dickinson, ND for \$3,274,736.11, Baranko Brothers, Inc of Dickinson, ND for \$5,101,648.00, and Gratech Company, LLC of Berthold, ND for \$2,906,955.75.

The Notice of Intent to Award a contract to Young Gun Construction, LLC. was issued to all bidders on April 10, 2025. No protests were received. On April 25, 2025, a contract was sent to Young Gun Construction, LLC. 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 2025.

We recommend the Executive Director execute the contract with Young Gun Construction, LLC. for the reclamation of an abandoned coal mine at the 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 AML Project site near Velva, ND.