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Request for Bids (RFB) for Exploration/Reclamation of Above
Ground Coal Material
For Antis Township Municipal Government

Antis Township is asking coal suppliers to present a solution that cost effectively provides for the environmental clean-up of above ground coal and coal waste material.

Due Friday, November 1, 2019

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Antis Township Coal and Waste Coal Project Location



Figure 2. Antis Township Project Area (Shaded in Grey).

2. **Background**

The project area contains known above ground coal material where a known plant (Kerbaugh Plant) existed in the early 1900s. The site is also in close proximity to a major rail line and rail spurs exist in project area. Based on composites of sampling (4 samples taken at eight-foot depths at different locations), the material sampled averaged 0.49% sulfur and 40.03% ash, and 6,090 BTU/lb as received. Project area is approximately 21 acres.

3. **Purpose**

The purpose of this RFB is to seek exploration/reclamation proposals from proponents interested in removing the coal resource contained within the Project Area and restoring the Project Area as desired by the Township. More specifically, upon removal of all coal waste, the successful bidder will restore the site to a condition of unmanaged natural habitat along with some tree buffer areas.

It is anticipated that a contract could be awarded within 60 days of the bid opening, with the expectation that the successful bidder would begin the DEP Government Funded Construction Contract (GFCC) process immediately and that reclamation work would begin upon issuance of a GFCC by DEP and be completed in no more than three years.

Applicants submitting bids are required to investigate and report how potential constraints will affect the Project Area.

Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and in its sole discretion to waive or refuse to waive any formalities or errors in the bids.

4. **Bidder Obligations**

Each potential bidder must obtain a copy of the bid packet from the Township Office and must register with the Township by providing an individual contact person's name and contact information. Registered bidders will be provided notice of any updates to the bid specifications and will be invited to any pre-bid meetings. Only registered bidders may submit bids.

Each potential bidder must perform at its own expense test borings or any other exploration work necessary to determine the volume and quality of the coal waste on the Project Site. A copy of all test results must be submitted with the bid, as demonstration that the bidder completed such work.

Successful bidder must demonstrate that it successfully has completed multiple (GFCC) Projects of this nature, involving coal and/or coal waste projects and related environmental reclamation, with the PA Department of Environmental Protection. All permits and other approvals, as well as administration of the GFCC will be the sole responsibility of the Successful Bidder.

All bidders must attend any mandatory pre-bid meetings, which will be scheduled by

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Township and notice of which will be given to registered bidders.

5. Timeline of Events

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Interested Applicants Walk Through Opportunities

Those interested applicants will be issued permission immediately to visit the Project Area, which is owned in its entirety by the Township of Antis. Walk through opportunities will be conducted during regular business hours Mon-Fri, 8:00am-4:30pm. Please contact the Township Manager at 814-742-7361 or LMartsof@antistownship.org.

Applicant Question and Answer Meeting: A future meeting date and time will be scheduled for any interested party requesting one. All meetings will be held at the Antis Township Municipal Building located at 909 North Second Street Bellwood, PA 16617.

Complete Bids Due: November 1, 2019, 3:00 pm local time.

Bids Opened: November 1, 2019, 3:30 pm local time.

6. Submission of Bids

Three (3) copies of the bid proposal should be sent to the attention of the Antis Township Manager, Lucas Martsof. Bids must be submitted in person to the Antis Township Municipal Government office located at 909 North Second Street, Bellwood, PA 16617, by 3 pm local time, November 1, 2019. Bids received after the closing date and time will not be considered. Bids sent by other means will not be accepted.

7. Bid Proposal Content and Format

Each bid must include the following information:

- a) Company and Project Management
- b) Technical Management Team
- c) Knowledge of Regulatory Approval Process
- d) Exploration Plan - Each bidder must obtain a Notice of Intent To Explore (ITE) Permit from DEP prior to testing of the site. With the bid submission, bidder must demonstrate compliance with this requirement, along with a copy of the permit application materials and any evidence that bidder has complied with such permit. The Exploration Plan submitted with the bid also shall contain the following discussion of anticipated aspects of the Project.
 - i. Coal resource evaluation
 - ii. Exploration program
 - iii. Land access

- iv. Project schedule
- v. Environmental management plan
- vi. Reclamation approach
- e) Statement of Project Impacts and Benefits
- f) Statement of Past Practice in Coal Mining and/or Reclamation
(Including references)
- g) Pricing/Royalties communicated as a price per ton.