

## Contracting Information

BLM welcomes companies interested in AML-related work. The following information is offered to assist potential contractors in pursuing AML job opportunities:

AML contract opportunities generally fall in these types of work: conducting environmental studies; architectural and engineering design; and actual on-the-ground construction.

AML projects work is advertised for bids in several ways. Sometimes BLM offices coordinate the process by advertising in a regional area on the open market while other times efforts are coordinated through other Federal partnering agency procurement offices (such as the U.S. General Services Administration). In other cases, the State of California may be handling the bid and contract award processes.

Companies should consider the geographic locations where they are seeking opportunities and contact the local BLM offices for information on pending projects and needs.

Technologies continue to advance in environmental remediation. Companies which have developed new technologies to address specific environmental conditions and needs are welcome to share their product information with BLM. While BLM cannot endorse specific companies or their products, BLM can offer to make the information available to field personnel for their consideration. There are also various third-party AML-related conferences held during the year. Some of these events offer marketing opportunities that companies may want to consider.

The federal government has very strict laws and regulations when it comes to buying services and products from the private sector. BLM seeks to do business legally with as much efficiency as possible. The following website provides information on doing business with the BLM:

<http://www.blm.gov/natacq>

Where to Look for AML Opportunities:

- <https://www.fbo.gov/> - BLM contracting opportunities over \$25,000 are advertised on GSA's FedBizOpps website. This site is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and allows vendors to register to receive e-mail notification of opportunities in their areas of interest.
- <https://www.gsaadvantage.gov> - Access GSA's latest e-Business innovation through this webpage. E-Buy, is an electronic Request for Quote (RFQ) / Request for Proposal (RFP) system designed to allow Federal buyers to request information, find sources, and prepare RFQs/RFPs, online, for millions of services and products offered through GSA's Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) and GSA Technology Contracts.
- <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/OMR/> - The Abandoned Mine Lands Unit (AMLU) began funding abandoned mine remediation projects on California's public lands in 2002 and has now remediated many hazardous mine features throughout the State.
- Contractors may also inquire at their local BLM Field Office for AML remediation activities being planned.

Contractors who are interested in bidding on AML remediation actions in the State of California must be able to meet the following minimum qualifications.

1. Hold a current and active California Contractor License.
2. Have general liability insurance with limits of not less than \$2 million.
3. Be able to provide a Certificate of Completion of a certified hazard recognition course pursuant to federal Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) requirements. The bidder must submit a copy of a signed MSHA Form 5000-23 with "Hazard Recognition" and "Prevention of Accidents" marked in Section 5 of the Form.
4. Be able to provide current CPR and first aid certificates.
5. Have relevant training, experience or expertise in the design, fabrication and installation of bat-compatible gates including cupolas and/or closure of abandoned mine openings using polyurethane foam (PUF).
6. Be able to provide at least three (3) references for relevant work performed.

Desirable qualifications include:

7. Completion of at least one Bat Conservation International, Inc. course on bat gate design and installation.
  8. Two or more years of experience in the closure of abandoned mine openings using PUF.
  9. Two or more years of experience in the design, fabrication, and installation of bat-compatible gates.
  10. Be able to provide proof of welding certification(s) from an accredited welding school or organization(s), e.g., American Welding Society (AWS), the American Petroleum Institute (API), and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).
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#### Volunteering with the AML Program

There is plenty of AML-related work to be done, and BLM welcomes the assistance of volunteers! Examples of volunteer opportunities include:

- Locating AML sites (e.g., ground-truth site location information using Global Positioning System data and taking a picture)
- Becoming a "Site Steward" can be fun and is explained by following this link: [http://www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures/want\\_2\\_help/site\\_steward.html](http://www.blm.gov/heritage/adventures/want_2_help/site_steward.html)
- Helping to post signs and markers, and putting up fences
- Monitoring site closures to ensure signs, markers, fences and bat gates are functional
- Helping to clean up debris on public lands
- Administrative support, such as entering data into the AML inventory

Local volunteers help make public lands safer by pitching in. The following Web site can open the doors to partnership and volunteering opportunities in California:

<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/res/volunteers.html>

#### Sample Volunteer Projects

The following website gives an example of a volunteer project. It shows an Eagle Scout Volunteer and his hard efforts of Securing an AML Project, from the Nevada Commission on Mineral Resources [http://minerals.state.nv.us/aml\\_eagle.htm](http://minerals.state.nv.us/aml_eagle.htm)