

**AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN OWNER AND CONSULTANT  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

THIS IS AN AGREEMENT effective from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 (“Effective Dates”) between the City of Sidney (“Owner”) and Peaks Planning and Consulting LLC (“Consultant”).

Owner’s Project, of which Consultant’s services under this Agreement are a part, is generally identified as follows: On-Call Planning Services (“Project”).

Consultant’s services under this Agreement are generally identified as follows: On-Call Planning Services (“Services”).

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Owner and Consultant further agree as follows:

**1.01** *Basic Agreement and Period of Service*

- A. Consultant shall provide or furnish the Services set forth in this Agreement. If authorized by Owner, or if required because of changes in the Project, Consultant shall furnish services in addition to those set forth above (“Additional Services”).
- B. Consultant shall complete its Services within a reasonable period of time.
- C. If, through no fault of Consultant, such periods of time or dates are changed, or the orderly and continuous progress of Consultant’s Services is impaired, or Consultant’s Services are delayed or suspended, then the time for completion of Consultant’s Services, and the rates and amounts of Consultant’s compensation, shall be adjusted equitably.

**2.01** *Payment Procedures*

- A. *Invoices:* Consultant shall prepare invoices in accordance with its standard invoicing practices and submit the invoices to Owner on a monthly basis. Invoices are due and payable within 30 days of receipt. If Owner fails to make any payment due Consultant for Services, Additional Services, and expenses within 30 days after receipt of Consultant’s invoice, then (1) the amounts due Consultant will be increased at the rate of 1.0% per month (or the maximum rate of interest permitted by law, if less) from said thirtieth day, and (2) in addition Consultant may, after giving seven days written notice to Owner, suspend Services under this Agreement until Consultant has been paid in full all amounts due for Services, Additional Services, expenses, and other related charges. Owner waives any and all claims against Consultant for any such suspension.
- B. *Payment:* As compensation for Consultant providing or furnishing Services and Additional Services, Owner shall pay Consultant as set forth in Paragraphs 2.01, 2.02 (Services), and 2.03 (Additional Services). If Owner disputes an invoice, either as to amount or entitlement, then Owner shall promptly advise Consultant in writing of the specific basis for doing so, may withhold only that portion so disputed, and must pay the undisputed portion.

**2.02** *Basis of Payment—Direct Labor, Plus Reimbursables*

- A. Owner shall pay Consultant for Services as follows:

1. An amount equal to Consultant's Direct Labor Costs as outlined in Exhibit 'A' for services of Consultant's employees engaged in the Project, plus reimbursable expenses. Reimbursable expenses include accommodations, meals plus gratuity associated with work on the Project.
  2. Sub-consultants shall be reimbursed at the rate of 115% of actual invoiced costs including reimbursables. Consultant shall not use sub-consultants without prior authorization from Owner.
- B. The portion of the compensation amount billed monthly for Consultant's Services will be based upon Consultant's estimate of the percentage of the total Services actually completed during the billing period.
- 2.03 *Additional Services:* For Additional Services, Owner shall pay Consultant an amount equal to the cumulative hours charged in providing the Additional Services by each class of Consultant's employees and in accordance with Exhibit 'A'; plus reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with providing the Additional Services and Consultant's consultants' charges, if any.

### 3.01 *Termination*

- A. The obligation to continue performance under this Agreement may be terminated:
1. For cause,
    - a. By either party upon 30 days written notice in the event of substantial failure by the other party to perform in accordance with the Agreement's terms through no fault of the terminating party. Failure to pay Consultant for its services is a substantial failure to perform and a basis for termination.
    - b. By Consultant:
      - 1) upon seven days written notice if Owner demands that Consultant furnish or perform services contrary to Consultant's responsibilities as a licensed professional; or
      - 2) upon seven days written notice if the Consultant's Services are delayed for more than 90 days for reasons beyond Consultant's control, or as the result of the presence at the Site of undisclosed Constituents of Concern, as set forth in Paragraph 5.01.I.
    - c. Consultant shall have no liability to Owner on account of a termination for cause by Client.
    - d. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement will not terminate as a result of a substantial failure under Paragraph 3.01.A.1.a if the party receiving such notice begins, within seven days of receipt of such notice, to correct its substantial failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure within no more than 30 days of receipt of notice; provided, however, that if and to the extent such substantial failure cannot be reasonably cured within such 30 day period, and if such party has diligently attempted to cure the same and thereafter continues diligently to cure the same, then the cure period provided for herein shall extend up to, but in no case more than, 60 days after the date of receipt of the notice.
  2. For convenience, by Owner effective upon Consultant's receipt of written notice from Owner.
- B. In the event of any termination under Paragraph 3.01, Consultant will be entitled to invoice Owner and to receive full payment for all Services and Additional Services performed or furnished in

accordance with this Agreement, plus reimbursement of expenses incurred through the effective date of termination in connection with providing the Services and Additional Services, and Consultant's consultants' charges, if any.

#### 4.01 *Successors, Assigns, and Beneficiaries*

- A. Owner and Consultant are hereby bound and the successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives of Owner and Consultant (and to the extent permitted by Paragraph 4.01.B the assigns of Owner and Consultant) are hereby bound to the other party to this Agreement and to the successors, executors, administrators, and legal representatives (and said assigns) of such other party, in respect of all covenants, agreements, and obligations of this Agreement.
- B. Neither Owner nor Consultant may assign, sublet, or transfer any rights under or interest (including, but without limitation, money that is due or may become due) in this Agreement without the written consent of the other party, except to the extent that any assignment, subletting, or transfer is mandated by law. Unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment, no assignment will release or discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under this Agreement.
- C. Unless expressly provided otherwise, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create, impose, or give rise to any duty owed by Owner or Consultant to any Constructor, other third-party individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee of any of them. All duties and responsibilities undertaken pursuant to this Agreement will be for the sole and exclusive benefit of Owner and Consultant and not for the benefit of any other party.

#### 5.01 *General Considerations*

- A. The standard of care for all professional Consulting and related services performed or furnished by Consultant under this Agreement will be the care and skill ordinarily used by members of the subject profession practicing under similar circumstances at the same time and in the same locality. Consultant makes no warranties, express or implied, under this Agreement or otherwise, in connection with any services performed or furnished by Consultant. Subject to the foregoing standard of care, Consultant and its consultants may use or rely upon design elements and information ordinarily or customarily furnished by others, including, but not limited to, specialty contractors, manufacturers, suppliers, and the publishers of technical standards.
- B. Consultant or sub-consultants shall not at any time supervise, direct, control, or have authority over any Constructor's work, nor shall Consultant or sub-consultants have authority over or be responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction selected or used by any Constructor, or the safety precautions and programs incident thereto, for security or safety at the Project site, nor for any failure of a Constructor to comply with laws and regulations applicable to such Constructor's furnishing and performing of its work. Consultant or sub-consultants shall not be responsible for the acts or omissions of any Constructor.
- C. Consultant or sub-consultants neither guarantees the performance of any Constructor nor assumes responsibility for any Constructor's failure to furnish and perform its work.
- D. Consultant shall not be responsible for any decision made regarding the construction contract requirements, or any application, interpretation, clarification, or modification of the construction contract documents other than those made by Consultant or its consultants.

- E. Owner shall have all rights and title to the documents on the Project, extensions of the Project, and for related uses of the Owner, subject to receipt by Consultant of full payment due and owing for all Services and Additional Services relating to preparation of the documents and subject to the following limitations:
1. Owner acknowledges that such documents are not intended or represented to be suitable for use on the Project unless completed by Consultant, or for use or reuse by Owner or others on extensions of the Project, on any other project, or for any other use or purpose, without written verification or adaptation by Consultant;
  2. any such use or reuse, or any modification of the documents, without written verification, completion, or adaptation by consultant, as appropriate for the specific purpose intended, will be at Owner's sole risk and without liability or legal exposure to Consultant or to its officers, directors, members, partners, agents, employees, and sub-consultants;
  3. such limited license to Owner shall not create any rights in third parties.
- F. Owner and Consultant may transmit, and shall accept, Project-related correspondence, documents, text, data, drawings, information, and graphics, in electronic media or digital format, either directly, or through access to a secure Project website, in accordance with a mutually agreeable protocol.
- G. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Owner and Consultant (1) waive against each other, and the other's employees, officers, directors, members, agents, insurers, partners, and consultants, any and all claims for or entitlement to special, incidental, indirect, or consequential damages arising out of, resulting from, or in any way related to this Agreement or the Project, and (2) agree that Consultant's total liability to Owner under this Agreement shall be limited to \$2,000,000 or the total amount of compensation received by Consultant, whichever is greater.
- H. Neither Party shall be considered to be in default of this Agreement if delays in or failure of performance are due to forces beyond the reasonable control of the nonperforming Party, the effect of which the nonperforming Party could not avoid by the exercise of reasonable diligence. Such forces include, but are not limited to: fire, acts of God, flood, earthquake, storm, lightning, tornados, epidemic, war, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, strike, work slowdown, or other labor disturbances, judicial restraint, action or inaction of any Government entity in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, quarantine restrictions, freight embargoes, delays in long lead time items and severe weather. Any changes to the terms of this agreement impacted by a Force Majeure event shall be documented in an Amendment to the Agreement.
- I. The parties acknowledge that Consultant's Services do not include any services related to unknown or undisclosed Constituents of Concern. If Consultant or any other party encounters, uncovers, or reveals an unknown or undisclosed Constituent of Concern, then Consultant may, at its option and without liability for consequential or any other damages, suspend performance of Services on the portion of the Project affected thereby until such portion of the Project is no longer affected, or terminate this Agreement for cause if it is not practical to continue providing Services.
- J. Owner and Consultant agree to negotiate each dispute between them in good faith during the 30 days after notice of dispute. If negotiations are unsuccessful in resolving the dispute, then the dispute shall be mediated. If mediation is unsuccessful, then the parties may exercise their rights at law.
- K. This Agreement is to be governed by the law of the state in which the Project is located.

- L. Consultant's Services and Additional Services do not include: (1) serving as a "municipal advisor" for purposes of the registration requirements of Section 975 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (2010) or the municipal advisor registration rules issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission; (2) advising Owner, or any municipal entity or other person or entity, regarding municipal financial products or the issuance of municipal securities, including advice with respect to the structure, timing, terms, or other similar matters concerning such products or issuances; (3) providing surety bonding or insurance-related advice, recommendations, counseling, or research, or enforcement of construction insurance or surety bonding requirements; or (4) providing legal advice or representation.
- M. Consultant shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a). These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or veteran status.

#### 6.01 *Total Agreement*

- A. This Agreement (including any expressly incorporated attachments), constitutes the entire agreement between Owner and Consultant and supersedes all prior written or oral understandings. This Agreement may only be amended, supplemented, modified, or canceled by a duly executed written instrument.

#### *Definitions*

- B. *Constructor*—Any person or entity (not including the Consultant, its employees, agents, representatives, and consultants), performing or supporting construction activities relating to the Project, including but not limited to contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, Owner's work forces, utility companies, construction managers, testing firms, shippers, and truckers, and the employees, agents, and representatives of any or all of them.
- C. *Constituent of Concern*—Asbestos, petroleum, radioactive material, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), hazardous waste, and any substance, product, waste, or other material of any nature whatsoever that is or becomes listed, regulated, or addressed pursuant to (a) the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. §§9601 et seq. ("CERCLA"); (b) the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, 49 U.S.C. §§5101 et seq.; (c) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§6901 et seq. ("RCRA"); (d) the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. §§2601 et seq.; (e) the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq.; (f) the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.; or (g) any other federal, State, or local statute, law, rule, regulation, ordinance, resolution, code, order, or decree regulating, relating to, or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning, any hazardous, toxic, or dangerous waste, substance, or material.

*Attachments: Scope of Work*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, the Effective Dates of which is indicated on page 1.

Owner: City of Sidney Montana

Consultant: Peaks Planning and Consulting, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: Rick Norby

Print name: Forrest Sanderson

Title: Mayor

Title: President

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Address for Owner's receipt of notices:

City of Sidney

Address for Consultant's receipt of notices:

Peaks Planning & Consulting LLC

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