

## AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES

This Agreement for Consulting Services (“Agreement”) is entered into and dated April 16, 2024 by and between USI Consulting Group, Inc. (USICG - earlier as **Hildi Inc.**) USICG with offices located at 8000 Norman Center Drive, Suite 400, Bloomington, MN 55437 with headquarters at 95 Glastonbury Blvd., Suite 102, Glastonbury, CT 06033 (hereinafter referred to as the “Consultant”) and Yellowstone County with offices located at 316 North 26th, Room 3401, Billings, MT 59101 (hereinafter referred to as the “Company”). Company and Consultant are jointly referred to as the “parties.”

IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL PROMISES CONTAINED HEREIN, AND FOR OTHER GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, THE SUFFICIENCY OF WHICH IS HEREBY ACCEPTED, THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Description of Services. Consultant will perform certain services for Company upon terms and conditions specified herein and as such services are more particularly described in Exhibit(s), which are attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.
2. Prices and Payment. Company agrees to pay Consultant the fees set forth in the applicable Exhibit(s). Consultant anticipates invoicing the Company monthly for services provided. Payment will be due in full within fifteen (15) days of receipt of Consultant’s invoice. Company agrees to pay interest on all overdue amounts at a rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum or the rate allowed by law, which ever is less, plus costs of collection, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees on all such amounts.
3. Travel Expenses. Company agrees to reimburse Consultant for its reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket lodging, transportation, and food incurred at the Company’s request. Consultant agrees to provide reasonable expense documentation. Whenever possible, Consultant agrees to take advantage of travel discounts. All air travel by Consultant shall be on major national or regional airlines, and Consultant and its representatives may keep their frequent flier miles earned for their personal usage.
4. Ownership of Work Product. Ownership of, and all rights in, the work product which is the subject matter of this Agreement (the “Work”), including trademarks, patents and copyrights applicable to same, shall belong exclusively to Company. The parties expressly agree to consider as a “work made for hire” any Work ordered or commissioned by the Company which qualifies as such under the United States copyright laws. To the extent that the Work cannot be a “work made for hire” or where necessary for any other reason, Consultant will provide Company with all such assignments of rights, covenants and other assistance which may be required for Company, through trademark, patent or copyright applications or otherwise, to obtain the full benefit of the rights provided for herein. If the Work contains materials previously developed or copyrighted by

Consultant or others, Consultant grants and agrees to grant to Company, or obtain for Company, an unrestricted, royalty-free license to use and copy such materials. Any license so granted or obtained shall include the right for Company to grant an unrestricted, royalty-free license to any affiliate of Company. Consultant is allowed to retain one copy of the Work for archival purposes. Consultant shall place a copyright notice on the Work at Company's request. The Work shall be considered "Information" under the Section entitled "Nondisclosure."

5. Nondisclosure. Any technical or business information, including, but not limited to, computer programs, files, specifications, drawings, sketches, models, samples, tools, cost data, customer information, financial data, business or marketing plans or other data, whether oral, written or otherwise ("Information"), furnished or disclosed to Consultant hereunder or in contemplation hereof, shall remain Company's property. No license, express or implied, under any trademark, patent or copyright is granted by Company to Consultant by virtue of such disclosure. All such information in written, graphic or other tangible form shall be returned to the Company immediately upon request and copies shall be returned to the Company or, at Company's option, certified by Consultant as having been located and destroyed. Consultant shall be allowed to retain one copy of the Information for archival purposes. Unless such Information was previously known to Consultant free of any obligation to keep it confidential, is lawfully obtained by Consultant from any source other than Company or has been or is subsequently made public by Company or a nonparty to this Agreement, is approved for release by written authorization of the Company, or is required by law to be disclosed in response to a valid order of a court of competent jurisdiction or authorized governmental agency, provided the Company receives adequate notice to allow it to request a protective order and the Consultant reasonably cooperates with the Company's efforts to receive a protective order, it shall be kept confidential by Consultant for the benefit of Company, shall be used only in performing under this Agreement and shall not be used for other purposes except upon such terms as may be agreed upon by Company in writing. Consultant shall take reasonable steps to protect such Information to a similar extent that Consultant protects its own Information.
6. Liability. Consultant shall indemnify Company and its affiliates against, and shall hold Company and its affiliates harmless from, any loss, damage, expense or liability that may in any way arise out of or result from the performance of Consultant hereunder and caused by or resulting from the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of Consultant, including but not limited to any knowing infringement, or claim of infringement, of any patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary right of a third party or of Consultant or anyone claiming through Consultant who may be eligible to terminate any assignment or transfer made hereunder pursuant to the terms of the copyright laws up to the amount paid by the Company to the Consultant under a given applicable Exhibit(s). Consultant shall defend or settle, at its own expense, any action or suit against Company or its affiliates for which it is responsible hereunder.

Company shall notify Consultant of any such claim, action or suit and shall reasonably cooperate with the Consultant (at Consultant's expense) to facilitate the defense of any such claim.

7. Limitation. In no event shall company or consultant be liable, one to the other, for indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages arising out of or in connection with the furnishing, performance or use of any products or services provided pursuant to this agreement.
8. Limited Warranties. Consultant warrants and represents that it has full authority to enter into this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and that this Agreement is not in conflict with any other agreement to which Consultant is a party or by which it may be bound.

Consultant warrants and represents that Consultant has the proper skill, training and background so as to be able to perform in a competent and professional manner and that all work will be performed in accordance with professional standards in the industry and/or field.

9. Headings. Section headings used in this Agreement are for convenience only, have no legal significance, and in no way change the construction or meaning of the terms hereof.
10. Insurance. Upon request by Company, Consultant shall provide to Company, copies of certificates of insurance evidencing the workers compensation, general liability and automobile insurance coverage that Consultant has in effect and Consultant shall maintain such insurance in effect through the duration of the Agreement.
11. Amendment and Waiver. No provision of this Agreement may be modified, waived, terminated or amended except by a written instrument executed by the parties. No waiver of a material breach of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or other provisions hereof.
12. Relationship. The Consultant shall be and act as an independent contractor hereunder, and neither Consultant nor any employee, agent, associate, representative or subcontractor shall be deemed to be employees of the Company for any purpose whatsoever.
13. Force Majeure. Neither party will be liable for any failure or delay in performance due to any cause beyond its reasonable control, including, but not limited to acts of nature, strikes, fire, flood, explosion, riots, or wars, provided that personnel changes, including unanticipated employee departures, shall not be considered to be an event or condition of force majeure.
14. Notices. All notices and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing, and hand delivered or sent by registered or

certified mail, return-receipt requested, postage prepaid, or by overnight delivery service and shall be effective upon receipt at the following addresses or as either party shall have notified the other party:

If to Company: Ms. Jennifer Jones  
Finance Director  
Yellowstone County  
316 North 26th, Room 3401  
Billings, MT 59101

If to Consultant: USI Consulting Group, Inc. (USICG- earlier as **Hildi Inc.**)  
8000 Norman Center Drive  
Suite 400  
Bloomington, MN 55437  
Attn: Jill Urdahl, FSA  
Minnesota Practice Leader / Consulting Actuary

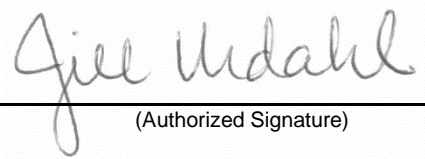
15. Assignment. Consultant shall not assign this Agreement or delegate the services to be performed hereunder, in whole or in part, or any of its rights, interest, or obligations hereunder without Company's express written consent.
16. Law Government. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Minnesota, without regard to or application of conflicts of law rules or principles.
17. Taxes. Consultant shall assume full responsibility for the payment of all taxes imposed by any federal, state, local taxes or foreign taxing authority and all contributions imposed or required under unemployment insurance, social security and income tax laws, with respect to performance of services for Company hereunder.
18. Termination. Any Exhibit(s) to this Agreement may be terminated by either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. Company agrees to pay for all services provided by Consultant and related travel expenses incurred by Consultant through the date of termination of the Exhibit(s) and/or the Agreement as applicable.
19. Entire Agreement. This constitutes the entire agreement between the parties regarding the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall be binding on the affiliates, administrators, executors, heirs, successors in interest, or assigns of Consultant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, authorized representatives of the Company and the Consultant have executed this Agreement in duplicate.

**Company: Yellowstone County**

**Consultant: USICG (earlier as Hildi Inc.)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized Signature)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type)

Name: Jill Urdahl

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print or Type)

Title: Minnesota Practice Leader / Consulting Actuary

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

Date: April 16, 2024

(Please Note: A signature is required on both page 5 and Exhibit 1. Thank you.)

**Exhibit 1 to  
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Consultant and Rate Schedule**

<b>Consultant Representative's Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Effective Start Date</b>	<b>Expected End Date</b>
USICG (Hildi Inc.) Actuaries and Consultants	Consulting Actuaries	July 1, 2024	June 30, 2026

**Base Fees**

The approximate budget for USICG (Hildi Inc.) consulting services is as follows:

	<b>2024-2025 Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2025-2026 Fiscal Year</b>
GASB 75	\$3,400	July 1, 2024 actuarial valuation to be used as the base results for this fiscal year. GASB 75 disclosures to be developed for the year ending June 30, 2026. Approximately \$900
Optional: GASB 75/73/101 consulting review on the true-up benefit payment calculations. Each fiscal year it is possible for some additional fees to occur due to this request from the Company/Client on this important calculation.		
Optional: Requested annual OPEB levy calculations will result in additional fees at approximately \$600 to \$1,000 (not a cap).		

These Base Actuarial Fees include the following:

- An Actuarial Report including all information required by the GASB Statements. USICG (Hildi Inc.) will provide an electronic copy of the actuarial report. One to three hard copies of the report can be sent, too, if requested.
- A results meeting by conference call or video call to discuss the results.
- Teleconferencing with the actuaries on pending or anticipated issues which may affect the actuarial valuation/report. If any work is needed based on one of the outcomes of a teleconference, a fee will be agreed upon before any work is initiated.
- Periodic memos and telephone calls to provide updates on developments that may affect future actuarial reports.

All quotes assume the plan provisions and assumptions remain unchanged from the last actuarial valuation or year-end disclosure. Additional charges may occur if there is out of scope work due to an OPEB Trust, changes in funding or investment policy for the OPEBs, changes in plan provisions or assumptions, or changes in the GASB disclosure requirements.

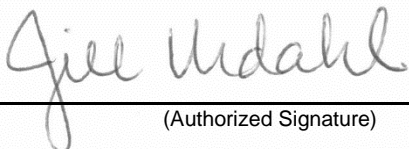
**SERVICES OR REQUIREMENTS:**

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(Date)

April 16, 2024  
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