

**Standard Form of Agreement between Owner
and Contractor on the Basis of
A Stipulated Price**

This agreement is dated as of the 1st day of April 2025 by and between Yellowstone County, Montana (hereinafter called Owner), and Ace Electric. (hereinafter called Contractor).

Owner and Contractor, in consideration of the material covenants hereinafter set forth, agree as follows:

1. Scope of Work

Contractor will provide all labor, materials and equipment necessary for the replacement of the MetraPark arena upper seating lights. Should any additional work need to be performed, both parties must sign a written change order prior to the work being completed.

2. Contract Times

Project is expected to be completed before May 30th, 2025.

3. Contract Price

Owner will pay the Contractor a total not to exceed \$148,373.25 upon completion and acceptance of the project by the Owner. Work will be billed on a time and materials basis. Any change orders for the project must be approved in writing by the Owner prior to work being started. Retainage of 5% will be withheld for any progress payments made to the Contractor. The fee will be returned to the Contractor upon completion of the project and acceptance of the project by the Owner. 1% Gross Receipts withholding will be deducted and forwarded to the State of Montana.

4. Contractors Representation

4.1 Contractor has examined and reviewed the contract documents and other related paperwork.

4.2 Contractor has visited the site and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local and site conditions that may affect cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the work.

- 4.3 Contractor is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state and local laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress, performance and furnishing of the work.
- 4.4 Contractor has given Owner written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the contract documents and that the contract documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey the understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishings of the work.

5. Contract Documents

The contract documents, which comprise the entire agreement between Owner and Contractor, consist of the following:

- 5.1 This Agreement.
- 5.2 The Contractor's proposal
- 5.3 Contractor's Certificate of Insurance and Workers Compensation coverage.

6. Miscellaneous

- 6.1 No assignment by a party hereto of any rights under or interests in the contract documents will be binding on another party hereto without the written consent of the party sought to be bound; and specifically but without limitation, moneys that may become due and moneys that are due may not be assigned without written consent (except to the extent that the effect of this restriction may be limited by law), and unless specifically stated to the contrary in any written consent to an assignment no assignment will discharge the assignor from any duty or responsibility under the contract documents.
- 6.2 Contractor, shall maintain at its sole cost and expense, commercial general liability insurance naming Yellowstone County/MetraPark as additional insured against liability for damages for bodily injury, including death and completed operations and property damages in a minimum amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) for each claim and One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars , (\$1,500,000.00), in the aggregate arising from incidents which occur as the result of Contractors negligence while performing any work or service and for which Yellowstone County/MetraPark, sole basis of liability is vicarious liability for the acts or omissions of the Contractor or/and subcontractors. Contractor shall maintain at its cost and expense, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property, including contractual liability which may arise from or in connection with work or

service by Contractor, agents, employees, representatives, assigns and sub-contractors. This insurance shall cover claims as may be caused by any negligent act or omission. The policy of insurance shall be an occurrence policy with a Best Rating of A- or better and must be in force throughout the period.

Contractor shall name on the Certificate of liability insurance Yellowstone County/ MetraPark, as additional insured for on-site work or Maintenance Service. In addition, Contractor will furnish to Yellowstone County a copy of the policy endorsement, CG 32 87 05 10, indicating that Yellowstone County/MetraPark, are named as an additional insured under the Contractors insurance policy.

Contractor agrees to furnish both the certificate of insurance and policy endorsement at least ten (10) days prior to beginning work.

Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Yellowstone County/MetraPark from and against any and all claims demands, obligations causes of action, lawsuits and all damages and liabilities fines, judgments, costs, (including settlement costs), and expenses associated therewith (including reasonable attorney's fees and disbursements), arising from incidents that occur the result of Contractors negligence. And for which Yellowstone County/MetraPark, sole basis of liability is vicarious liability for the acts or omissions of Contractor. The defense and indemnification obligations under this paragraph of the Invitation to Bid shall not be limited by any assertions or finding that Yellowstone County/MetraPark, is liable for any damages by reason of a non-delegable duty.

6.3 Contractor is required to maintain workers compensation insurance, or an independent contractor's exemption issued by the Montana Department of Labor covering Contractor and Contractor's employees. Contractor is not, nor is Contractor's workers, employees of Yellowstone County/MetraPark. Workers Compensation insurance or the exemption from the workers compensation obligation must be valid for the entire period.

6.4 Owner and Contractor each binds itself, its partners, successors, assign and legal representative to the other party hereto, its partners, successors, assign and legal representative to respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the contract documents.

- 6.5 Contractor must give preference to the employment of bona fide residents of Montana in the performance of this work.
- 6.6 All work and materials must be warranted for a period of one year from date of installation.
- 6.7 The Parties agree that the laws of the State of Montana shall govern this contract, and that venue shall be in the Thirteenth Judicial District Court, Yellowstone County, Montana
- 6.8 Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Owner against all claims for injuries to person or damages to property occurred from or in connection with the Contractors performance under the agreement.
- 6.9 In the event of litigation between Contractor and the Owner, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement of court costs and reasonable attorney fees by the non-prevailing party.
- 7.0 The Contractor must follow all directives included in section 18-2-422 of the Montana Code Annotated concerning Montana Prevailing Wage Rates for Building Construction 2025.
- 7.1 The Contractor must, in performance of work under this contract, fully comply with all applicable federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations, including the Montana Human Rights Act, Civil Rights Act of 1964, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and the American with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any subletting or subcontracting by the Contractor subjects contractors to the same provisions. In accordance with section 49-3-207, MCA, the Contractor agrees that the hiring of persons to perform the contract will be made on the basis of merit and qualification and there will be no discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, or national origin by the person performing under the contract.

8.0 Suspension and Termination

- 8.1 Without terminating this agreement, the Owner may suspend the Contractor's services following written notice to the Contractor. On the suspension date specified in the notice, the Contractor shall have ceased its services in an orderly manner. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for

all reasonable costs incurred and unpaid for services rendered through the suspension date specified in the notice, but in no case will the Contractor be paid for services rendered after the date of such suspension. If resumption of the Contractor's services requires any waiver or change in this agreement, any such waiver or change shall require the written agreement of all parties, and the writing shall be attached as an addendum to this agreement.

- 8.2 The Owner shall have the right to terminate this agreement, in whole or in part, at any time during the course of performance by providing 30 days written notice to the Contractor. On the termination date specified in the notice, the Contractor shall have ceased its services in an orderly manner. If a new contractor is retained to, or the Owner will itself, complete the services, the Contractor will cooperate fully with the Owner in preparing the new contractor or the Owner itself to take over completion of the services on the specified termination date. The Contractor will be reimbursed for all reasonable costs incurred and unpaid for Services rendered in conformance with this agreement through the date of termination specified in the Owner's notice to the Contractor, but in no case will the Contractor be paid for services rendered after the date of such termination.
- 8.3 In the event of a material breach of this agreement by the Owner, the Contractor shall have the right to terminate this agreement thirty (30) days after written notice to the Owner specifying such material breach, unless the Owner has cured such material breach within said period.
- 8.4 This Agreement may be terminated without cause by either party. In that event, the party seeking to terminate said agreement must give ninety (90) days written notice to the other party of the intent to terminate the agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OWNER and CONTRACTOR have signed this Agreement in duplicate. One counterpart each will be delivered to OWNER and CONTRACTOR. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed, initialed or identified by OWNER and CONTRACTOR.

This Agreement will be effective April 15th, 2025.

OWNER:
Yellowstone County
Billings, MT 59101

CONTRACTOR:
Ace Electric
Laurel, MT 59044

Mark Morse, Chair



Mark Sokoloski

Attest:

Jeff Martin
Clerk and Recorder