YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR CONTRACT

This Contract is entered into by and between Yellowstone County, Montana, herein referred to as "COUNTY", and Askin Construction , herein referred to as "CONTRACTOR", whose address is 3922 Coulson Road E., Billings, MT 59101.

THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES: CONTRACTOR agrees to complete and perform the work or services in accordance with the solicitation, and exhibits and specifications attached and hereby incorporated as **Exhibit A.**

The Contractor shall provide all labor and equipment necessary to complete the requirements of the Lockwood Pedestrian Safety District, Sidewalk Repair Project.

The specific objective of this project is to remove and replace existing base material and broken sections of concrete in front of dumpsters and settled sidewalk in Emerald View Park Subdivision and heaved sections of sidewalk along Hillner Lane.

To accomplish this, the project will remove the existing sidewalk along Rockwood Street, Andrick Avenue, Finley Circle, and Hillner Lane.

A 6" base material will be required beneath a 6" concrete flatwork that matches existing concrete widths. Excavation/Compaction, removal and disposal of all existing materials, and utilization of a pump truck shall be included in the bid price.

2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR: COUNTY hereby employs CONTRACTOR as an independent contractor to complete and perform the scope of services. Neither CONTRACTOR or its principals or employees are employees of COUNTY.

3. EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIME OF PERFORMANCE: CONTRACTOR shall commence work upon approval of this Contract by both parties AND issuance of Notice to Proceed. The CONTRACTOR shall have 21-calendar days from issuance of notice to proceed and shall complete the described work by October 1, 2026.

4. COMPENSTATION: For the satisfactory completion of the scope of services, COUNTY shall pay CONTRACTOR a total of $ $21,304.00.
(amount in words) (Twenty-One Thousand Three Hundred Four Dollars and Zero Cents)
CONTRACTOR should submit invoices directly to COUNTY upon satisfactory completion of services for the period being invoiced. Any Change Orders for the project must be approved in writing by COUNTY prior to work being started. COUNTY shall pay invoices within 30 days of invoice date.

5. CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATION:

1. CONTRACTOR has examined and reviewed Contract Documents and other related paperwork
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.
3. CONTRACTOR is familiar with and is satisfied as to all federal, state and local laws and regulations that may affect cost, progress and furnishing of the work.
4. CONTRACTOR has given COUNTY 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 of the scope of services.

6. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Contract Documents, which comprise the entire agreement between COUNTY and CONTRACTOR, consist of the following:

1. This agreement
2. CONTRACTOR's quote dated, (month/day)_____May/22___,2026
3. CONTRACTOR's certificate of insurance and workers compensation coverage
4. Exhibit A, attached hereto
5. Lockwood Sidewalk Repair Request for Quotes

7. WARRANTY: CONTRACTOR warrants that all services shall be performed in a professional manner. CONTRACTOR acknowledges that it shall be liable for any breach of this warranty for a period of one (1) year from the time services are completed.

8. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT: This Contract contains the entire agreement between parties, and no statements or promises made by either party, or agents of either party, which are not contained in the written Contract, are valid or binding. This Contract may not be modified or altered except upon written agreement signed by both parties. Any subcontractor shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions of this Contract.

9. INSURANCE & PAYMENT/PERFORMANCE BONDS: CONTRACTOR shall maintain at its sole cost and expense, commercial general liability insurance from an insurance carrier licensed to do business in the State of Montana in the amount of million dollars ($1,000,000.00) for each occurrence (minimum) and two million dollars ($2,000,000.00) aggregate. CONTRACTOR also agrees to maintain workers compensation insurance from an insurance carrier licensed to do business in the State of Montana. Proof of general liability and workers compensation insurance shall be provided to COUNTY at least ten (10) days prior to beginning work under this Contract. COUNTY must be listed as an additional insured on the general liability insurance certificate for this Contract.

The successful bidder will be required to provide the COUNTY with a performance bond and labor and materials bond, both for 100% of the contract amount, within ten (10) days of the execution of the contract and prior to starting any work on the project.

10. INDEMNIFICATION: CONTRACTOR agrees to waive all claims and recourse against COUNTY, including the right of contribution for loss and damage to persons or property arising from, growing out of, or in any way connected with incidental to CONTRACTOR's performance of this Contract

except for liability arising out of concurrent or sole negligence of COUNTY or its officers, agents or employees. Further, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend COUNTY against all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses or liability arising out of CONTRACTORS's negligent performance of this Contract except for liability arising out of the concurrent or sole negligence of COUNTY or its offices, agents or employees.

11. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS: CONTRACTOR shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and 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. CONTRACTOR or their subcontractors 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.

12. PERMITS: CONTRACTOR is responsible for obtaining any and all permits required to perform work under the Contract.

13. PREVAILING WAGE: All employees employed by CONTRACTOR or their subcontractor(s) in performance of this Contract which exceeds twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000.00) will be paid wages at rates as may be required by the laws of the State of Montana in accordance with the schedule of 2025 Montana Prevailing Wage Rates for Highway Construction as established by the Montana Department of Labor and Industry.

Each CONTRACTOR (Prime and sub) must submit (through the prime CONTRACTOR) certified payrolls for each week from the time the project begins through completion. Certified payrolls must be numbered sequentially and submitted on a weekly basis whether or not work was performed. If no work was performed, CONTRACTOR shall note this on the payroll.

14. PREFERENCE: CONTRACTOR agrees to give preference to the employment of bona fide Montana residents in compliance with MCA 18-2-403 (1). Pursuant to MCA 18-2-409, except for projects involving the expenditure of federal aid funds or where residency preference laws are specifically prohibited by federal law, the CONTRACTOR shall ensure that at least 50% of the workers of the CONTRACTOR (including workers employed by subcontractors) working on the project shall be bona fide Montana Residents.

15. PLACE OF PERFORMANCE, CONSTRUCTION, AND VENUE: Performance of this Contract is in Yellowstone County, Montana and venue for any litigation arising from performance of this Contract is the 13th Judicial District Court, Yellowstone County, Montana. This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Montana.

16. ATTORNEY FEES: In the event of litigation between CONTRACTOR and COUNTY, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reimbursement of court costs and reasonable attorney fees by the non-prevailing party.

17. SUSPENSION: Without terminating this Contract, COUNTY may suspend CONTRACTOR's services following written notice. On the suspension date specified in the notice, CONTRACTOR shall have ceased its services in an orderly manner. CONTRACTOR shall be reimbursed for all reasonable costs incurred and unpaid for services rendered through the suspension date specified

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18. TERMINATION: COUNTY reserves the right to terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time by providing thirty (30) days written notice to CONTRACTOR. On the termination date specified in the notice, CONTRACTOR shall have ceased its services in an orderly manner. If a new contractor is retained to, or COUNTY will itself complete the services, CONTRACTOR will fully cooperate with COUNTY in preparing the new contractor or COUNTY to take over completion of services on the specified termination date. CONTRACTOR will be reimbursed for all reasonable costs incurred and unpaid for services rendered in conformance with this Contract through the date of termination specified in COUNTY's notice to CONTRACTOR. In no case will CONTRACTOR be paid for services rendered after the date of termination.

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In witness whereof, COUNTY and CONTRACTOR have signed this Contract in duplicate. One counterpart each will be delivered to COUNTY and CONTRACTOR. All portions of the Contract Documents have been signed, initialed or identified by COUNTY and CONTRACTOR.

This Contract will be effective May 27, 2026.

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