

**LEYDEN ROCK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING**

via teleconference

Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

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Brett Vernon, President	Term to May 2023
Scott J. Plummer, Secretary	Term to May 2023
Jeff Cunningham, Treasurer	Term to May 2025
Christian Ardita, Assistant Secretary	Term to May 2025
Tanis Batsel Stewart, Assistant Secretary	Term to May 2025

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Declaration of Quorum
2. Director Conflict of Interest Disclosures
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Comment – Members of the public may express their views to the Board on matters that affect the District on items not otherwise on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.
5. District Management Matters
 - a. Capital Improvement Workshop
 - b. Consider Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Ascent Land Development, LLC (**enclosure**)
 - c. Other Management Matters
6. Director’s Matters
7. Other Business
 - a. Next Meeting October 18th at 6:00 p.m.
8. Adjourn

2022 Regular Meetings

February 15; March 22; April 26; June 7; July 19; August 16; September 20; October 18; November 15; December 20; at 6:00 p.m. at the Leyden Rock Clubhouse located at 17685 W. 83rd Drive, Arvada, Colorado, or if necessary, via teleconference.

**INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT
(PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES)**

This INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT, including any and all exhibits attached hereto (the “**Agreement**”), is entered into as of the 2nd day of October 2022, by and between LEYDEN ROCK METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Colorado (the “**District**”), and ASCENT LAND DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company (the “**Contractor**”). The District and the Contractor are referred to herein individually as a “**Party**” and collectively as the “**Parties.**”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the District was organized pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of §§ 32-1-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S. for the purpose of constructing, financing, operating, and maintaining certain public facilities and improvements for itself, its taxpayers, residents, and users; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 32-1-1001(1)(d)(I), C.R.S., the District is empowered to enter into contracts and agreements affecting the affairs of the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 32-1-1001(1)(i), C.R.S., the District is empowered to appoint, hire, and retain agents, employees, engineers, and attorneys; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to engage the Contractor to perform certain services as are needed by the District to serve the property within and without its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor has represented that it has the professional experience, skill, and resources to perform the services, as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and stipulations set forth herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. SCOPE OF SERVICES; PERFORMANCE STANDARDS. The Contractor shall perform the services described in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference (the “**Services**”): (a) in a professional manner, to the satisfaction of the District, using the degree of skill and knowledge customarily employed by other professionals performing similar services; (b) within the time period and pursuant to the Scope of Services specified in said **Exhibit A**; and (c) using reasonable commercial efforts to minimize any annoyance, interference, or disruption to the residents, tenants, occupants, and invitees within the District. **Exhibit A** may take any form, including forms which may include price and payment terms. In the event of any conflict between terms set forth in the body of this Agreement and terms set forth in **Exhibit A**, the terms in the body of this Agreement shall govern. Contractor shall have no right or authority, express or implied, to take any action, expend any sum, incur any obligation, or otherwise obligate

the District in any manner whatsoever, except to the extent specifically provided in this Agreement (including **Exhibit A**) or through other authorization expressly delegated to or authorized by the District through its Board of Directors.

2. TERM/RENEWAL. This Agreement shall be effective as of the dated date hereof and shall terminate on the earlier to occur of: (i) termination pursuant to Section 18 hereof; or (ii) December 31, 2022. Notwithstanding the foregoing, unless terminated pursuant to subsection (i) above, or unless the District determines not to appropriate funds for this Agreement for the next succeeding year, this Agreement shall automatically renew on January 1 of each succeeding year for an additional one (1) year term.

3. ADDITIONAL SERVICES. The District may, in writing, request the Contractor provide additional services not set forth in **Exhibit A**. The terms and conditions of the provision of such services shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the Contractor and the District pursuant to a written service/work order executed by an authorized representative of the District and the Contractor or an addendum to this Agreement. Authorization to proceed with additional services shall not be given unless the District has appropriated funds sufficient to cover the additional compensable amount. To the extent additional services are provided pursuant to this Section 3, the terms and conditions of this Agreement relating to Services shall also apply to any additional services rendered.

4. REPAIRS/CLAIMS. The Contractor shall notify the District immediately of any and all damage caused by the Contractor to District property and that of third parties. The Contractor will promptly repair or, at the District's option, reimburse the District for the repair of any damage to property caused by the Contractor or its employees, agents, or equipment. In addition, the Contractor shall promptly notify the District of all potential claims of which it becomes aware. The Contractor further agrees to take all reasonable steps to preserve all physical evidence and information, which may be relevant to the circumstances surrounding a potential claim, while maintaining public safety, and to grant to the District the opportunity to review and inspect such evidence, including the scene of any damage or accidents. The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Services and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage or injury to persons and property, including any material and equipment related to the Services, whether in storage on or off site, under the care, custody, or control of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors.

5. GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.

a. The Contractor has by careful examination ascertained: (i) the nature and location of the Services; (ii) the configuration of the ground on which the Services are to be performed; (iii) the character, quality, and quantity of the labor, materials, equipment, and facilities necessary to complete the Services; (iv) the general and local conditions pertaining to the Services; and (v) all other matters which in any way may affect the performance of the Services by the Contractor. Contractor enters into this Agreement solely because of the results of such examination and not because of any representations pertaining to the Services or the provision thereof made to it by the District or any agent of the District and not contained in this Agreement. The Contractor represents that it has or shall acquire the capacity and the professional experience

and skill to perform the Services and that the Services shall be performed in accordance with the standards of care, skill, and diligence provided by competent professionals who perform services of a similar nature to those specified in this Agreement. If competent professionals find that the Contractor's performance of the Services does not meet this standard, the Contractor shall, at the District's request, re-perform the Services not meeting this standard without additional compensation.

b. The Contractor shall use reasonable commercial efforts to perform and complete the Services in a timely manner. If performance of the Services by the Contractor is delayed due to factors beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, or if conditions of the scope or type of services are expected to change, Contractor shall give prompt notice to the District of such a delay or change and receive an equitable adjustment of time and/or compensation, as negotiated between the Parties.

c. The Services provided under this Agreement shall be adequate and sufficient for the intended purposes and shall be completed in a good and workmanlike manner.

d. The Contractor agrees that it has complied and will continue to comply with all Laws while providing Services under this Agreement. "**Laws**" means: (i) federal, state, county, and local or municipal body or agency laws, statutes, ordinances, and regulations; (ii) any licensing, bonding, and permit requirements; (iii) any laws relating to storage, use, or disposal of hazardous wastes, substances, or materials; (iv) rules, regulations, ordinances, and/or similar directives regarding business permits, certificates, and licenses; (v) regulations and orders affecting safety and health, including but not limited to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970; (vi) Wage and Hour laws, Worker Compensation laws, and immigration laws.

e. The responsibilities and obligations of the Contractor under this Agreement shall not be relieved or affected in any respect by the presence of any agent, consultant, sub-consultant, or employee of the District. Review, acceptance, or approval by the District of the Services performed or any documents prepared by the Contractor shall not relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for deficiencies, omissions, or errors in said Services or documents, nor shall it be construed to operate as a waiver of any rights under this Agreement or of any cause of action arising out of the performance of this Agreement.

6. MONTHLY STATUS REPORT. The Contractor shall provide to the District, at the District's request, on or before the 25th of each month, a narrative progress and status report describing work in progress and results achieved during the reporting period, including a description of the Services performed during the invoice period and the Services anticipated to be performed during the ensuing invoice period ("**Monthly Report**").

7. COMPENSATION AND INVOICES.

a. Compensation. Compensation for the Services provided under this Agreement shall be in accordance with the compensation schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Contractor shall be responsible for all expenses it incurs in performance of this Agreement and shall not be entitled to any reimbursement or compensation except as provided in **Exhibit A** of this Agreement, unless said reimbursement or compensation is approved in writing by the

District in advance of incurring such expenses. Any direct reimbursable costs for materials will be reimbursable at the Contractor's actual cost, provided that the Contractor shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the District of the estimated amount of such reimbursable costs (or any material adjustments thereto subsequently identified) prior to commencing the requested services. Concurrent with the execution of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the District with a current completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification) ("**W-9**"). No payments will be made to the Contractor until the completed W-9 is provided. The W-9 shall be attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**.

- b. Invoices. Invoices for the Services shall be submitted monthly, by the 10th of each month, during the term of this Agreement and shall contain the following information:
 - i. An itemized statement of the Services performed.
 - ii. Any other reasonable information required by the District to process payment of the invoice, including project and/or cost codes as provided in any applicable written service/work order.

The District shall be charged only for the actual time and direct costs incurred for the performance of the Services. Invoices received by the District after the 10th of each month may be processed the following month.

8. TIME FOR PAYMENT. Payment for the Services shall be made by the District within thirty (30) days of receipt of: (i) a timely, satisfactory, and detailed invoice in the form required by Section 7; and (ii) if applicable, a reasonably satisfactory and detailed Monthly Report, for that portion of the Services performed and not previously billed. The District may determine to waive or extend the deadline for filing the Monthly Report, or may make payment for Services to the Contractor notwithstanding a delay in filing the Monthly Report, upon reasonable request of the Contractor, if it is in the interest of the District to do so. In the event a Board meeting is not scheduled in time to review payment of an invoice, the Board hereby authorizes payment for Services, subject to the appropriation and budget requirements under Section 27 hereof, without the need for additional Board approval, so long as any payment required to be made does not exceed the amounts appropriated for such Services as set forth in the District's approved budget. Such payment shall require review and approval of each Monthly Report and invoice by two officers of the District.

9. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR. The Contractor is an independent contractor and nothing in this Agreement shall constitute or designate the Contractor or any of its employees or agents as employees or agents of the District. The Contractor shall have full power and authority to select the means, manner, and method of performing its duties under this Agreement, without detailed control or direction from the District, and shall be responsible for supervising its own employees or subcontractors. The District is concerned only with the results to be obtained. The District shall not be obligated to secure, and shall not provide, any insurance coverage or employment benefits of any kind or type to or for the Contractor or its employees, sub-consultants, contractors, agents, or representatives, including coverage or benefits related but not limited to: local, state or federal income, or other tax contributions, insurance contributions (e.g. FICA taxes),

workers' compensation, disability, injury, health or life insurance, professional liability insurance, errors and omissions insurance, vacation or sick-time benefits, retirement account contributions, or any other form of taxes, benefits, or insurance. The Contractor shall be responsible for its safety, and the safety of its employees, sub-contractors, agents, and representatives. All personnel furnished by the Contractor will be deemed employees or sub-contractors of the Contractor and will not for any purpose be considered employees or agents of the District. **The Contractor is not entitled to worker's compensation benefits or unemployment insurance benefits, unless unemployment compensation coverage is provided by the Contractor or some other entity other than the District, and the Contractor is obligated to pay federal and state income taxes on moneys by it earned pursuant to this Agreement.**

10. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY. This Agreement is subject to all applicable laws and executive orders relating to equal opportunity and non-discrimination in employment and the Contractor represents and warrants that it will not discriminate in its employment practices in violation of any such applicable law or executive order.

11. CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE.

a. The Contractor shall acquire and maintain, at its sole cost and expense, during the entire term of this Agreement, insurance coverage in the minimum amounts set forth in **Exhibit C**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. A waiver of subrogation and rights of recovery against the District, its directors, officers, employees, and agents is required for Commercial General Liability and workers' compensation coverage. The Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance policies will be endorsed to name the District as an additional insured. All coverage provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be written as primary policies, not contributing with and not supplemental to any coverage that the District may carry, and any insurance maintained by the District shall be considered excess. The District shall have the right to verify or confirm, at any time, all coverage, information, or representations contained in this Agreement.

b. Prior to commencing any work under this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide the District with a certificate or certificates evidencing the policies required by this Agreement, as well as the amounts of coverage for the respective types of coverage, which certificate(s) shall be attached hereto as **Exhibit C-1**. If the Contractor subcontracts any portion(s) of the Services, said subcontractor(s) shall be required to furnish certificates evidencing statutory workers' compensation insurance, comprehensive general liability insurance, and automobile liability insurance in amounts satisfactory to the District and the Contractor; provided, however, that sub-contractors of the Contractor shall not be required by the District to provide coverage in excess of that which is required hereunder of the Contractor. If the coverage required expires during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor or subcontractor shall provide replacement certificate(s) evidencing the continuation of the required policies.

c. The Contractor's failure to purchase the required insurance shall not serve to release it from any obligations contained in this Agreement, nor shall the purchase of the required insurance serve to limit the Contractor's liability under any provision in this Agreement. The Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any deductibles on issued policies.

12. CONFIDENTIALITY AND CONFLICTS.

a. Confidentiality. Any information deemed confidential by the District and given to the Contractor by the District, or developed by the Contractor as a result of the performance of a particular task, shall remain confidential. In addition, the Contractor shall hold in strict confidence, and shall not use in competition, any information which the Contractor becomes aware of under or by virtue of this Agreement which the District deems confidential, or which the District has agreed to hold confidential, or which, if revealed to a third party, would reasonably be construed to be contrary to the interests of the District. Confidential information shall not include, however, any information which is: (i) generally known to the public at the time provided to the Contractor; (ii) provided to the Contractor by a person or entity not bound by confidentiality to the District; or (iii) independently developed by the Contractor without use of the District's confidential information. During the performance of this Agreement, if the Contractor is notified that certain information is to be considered confidential, the Contractor agrees to enter into a confidentiality agreement in a form reasonably acceptable to the District and the Contractor. The Contractor agrees that any of its employees, agents, or subcontractors with access to any information designated thereunder as confidential information of the District shall agree to be bound by the terms of such confidentiality agreement.

b. Personal Identifying Information. During the performance of this Agreement, the District may disclose Personal Identifying Information to the Contractor. "**Personal Identifying Information**" means a social security number; a personal identification number; a password; a pass code; an official state or government-issued driver's license or identification card number; a government passport number; biometric data, as defined in § 24-73-103(1)(a), C.R.S.; an employer, student, or military identification number; or a financial transaction device, as defined in § 18-5-701(3), C.R.S. In compliance with § 24-73-102, C.R.S., the Contractor agrees to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices that are: (i) appropriate to the nature of the Personal Identifying Information disclosed to the Contractor; and (ii) reasonably designed to help protect the Personal Identifying Information from unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure, or destruction.

c. Conflicts. Prior to the execution of, and during the performance of this Agreement and prior to the execution of future agreements with the District, the Contractor agrees to notify the District of conflicts known to the Contractor that impact the Contractor's provision of Services to the District.

13. OWNERSHIP OF DOCUMENTS. All documents produced by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all maps, plans, drawings, specifications, reports, electronic files, and other documents, in whatever form, shall remain the property of the District under all circumstances, upon payment to the Contractor of the invoices representing the work by which such materials were produced. At the District's request the Contractor will provide the District with all documents produced by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain electronic and reproducible copies on file of any such instruments of service involved in the Services for a period of two (2) years after termination of this Agreement, shall make them available for the District's use and shall provide such copies to the District upon request at no cost.

14. LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES. The Contractor shall not have any right or interest in any District assets, or any claim or lien with respect thereto, arising out of this Agreement or the performance of the Services contemplated in this Agreement. The Contractor, for itself, hereby waives and releases any and all statutory or common law mechanic's, materialmen's, or other such lien claims, or rights to place a lien upon the District's property or any improvements thereon in connection with any Services performed under or in connection with this Agreement, and the Contractor shall cause all permitted subcontractors, suppliers, materialmen, and others claiming by, through, or under the Contractor to execute similar waivers prior to commencing any work or providing any materials in connection with the Services. The Contractor further agrees to execute a sworn affidavit respecting the payment and lien releases of all subcontractors, suppliers, and materialmen, and release of lien respecting the Services at such time or times and in such form as may be reasonably requested by the District. The Contractor will provide indemnification against all such liens for labor performed and/or materials supplied or used by the Contractor and/or any other person in connection with the Services undertaken by the Contractor, in accordance with Section 15, below.

15. INDEMNIFICATION.

a. The Contractor shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and each of its directors, officers, contractors, employees, agents, and consultants (collectively, the "**District Indemnitees**"), from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, liabilities, actions, lawsuits, damages, and expenses (the "**Claims**"), including reasonable legal expenses and attorneys' fees actually incurred, by the District Indemnitees arising directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, out of the errors or omissions, negligence, willful misconduct, or any criminal or tortious act or omission of the Contractor or any of its subcontractors, officers, agents, or employees, in connection with this Agreement and/or the Contractor's performance of the Services or work pursuant to this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement or otherwise to the contrary, the Contractor is not obligated to indemnify the District Indemnitees for the negligence of the District or the negligence of any other District Indemnitee, except the Contractor. Except as otherwise provided by applicable law, this indemnification obligation will not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or types of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the Contractor under workers' compensation acts, disability acts, or other employee benefit acts, provided that in no event shall the Contractor be liable for special/consequential or punitive damages.

b. In the event the Contractor fails to assume the defense of any Claims under this Section 15 within fifteen (15) days after notice from the District of the existence of such Claim, the District may assume the defense of the Claim with counsel of its own selection, and the Contractor will pay all reasonable expenses of such counsel. Insurance coverage requirements specified in this Agreement shall in no way lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor under the terms of this indemnification obligation.

c. Insurance coverage requirements specified in this Agreement shall in no way lessen or limit the liability of the Contractor under the terms of this indemnification obligation. The Contractor shall obtain, at its own expense, any additional insurance that it deems necessary with respect to its obligations under this Agreement, including the indemnity obligations set forth

in Section 15. This defense and indemnification obligation shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

16. ASSIGNMENT. The Contractor shall not assign this Agreement or parts thereof, or its respective duties, without the express written consent of the District. Any attempted assignment of this Agreement in whole or in part with respect to which the District has not consented, in writing, shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

17. SUB-CONTRACTORS. The Contractor is solely and fully responsible to the District for the performance of all Services in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement, whether performed by the Contractor or a subcontractor engaged by the Contractor, and neither the District's approval of any subcontractor, suppliers, or materialman, nor the failure of performance thereof by such persons or entities, will relieve, release, or affect in any manner the Contractor's duties, liabilities, or obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall not subcontract any Services without prior written approval by the District. The Contractor agrees that each and every agreement of the Contractor with any subcontractor to perform Services under this Agreement shall contain an indemnification provision identical to the one contained in this Agreement holding the District harmless for the acts of the subcontractor. Prior to commencing any Services, a subcontractor shall provide evidence of insurance coverage to the District in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement. The Contractor further agrees that all such subcontracts shall provide that they may be terminated immediately without cost or penalty upon termination of this Agreement, other than payment for services rendered prior to the date of any such termination.

18. TERMINATION. In addition to the termination provisions contained in Section 2, above, this Agreement may be terminated for convenience by the Contractor upon delivery of thirty (30) days' prior written notice to the District and by the District by giving the Contractor thirty (30) days' prior written notice. Each Party may terminate this Agreement for cause at any time upon written notice to the other Party setting forth the cause for termination and the notified Party's failure to cure the cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the Party given such notice within the cure period set forth in Section 19. If this Agreement is terminated, the Contractor shall be paid for all the Services satisfactorily performed prior to the designated termination date, including reimbursable expenses due. Said payment shall be made in the normal course of business. Should either Party to this Agreement be declared bankrupt, make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, or commit a substantial and material breach of this Agreement in the view of the other Party, said other Party shall be excused from rendering or accepting any further performance under this Agreement. In the event of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall cooperate with the District to ensure a timely and efficient transition of all work and work product to the District or its designees. All time, fees, and costs associated with such transition shall not be billed by the Contractor to the District.

19. DEFAULT. If either Party fails to perform in accordance with the terms, covenants, and conditions of this Agreement, or is otherwise in default of any of the terms of this Agreement, the non-defaulting party shall deliver written notice to the defaulting party of the default, at the address specified in Section 20 below, and the defaulting party will have ten (10) days from and after receipt of the notice to cure the default. If the default is not of a type which can be cured within such ten (10)-day period and the defaulting party gives written notice to the

21. AUDITS. The District shall have the right to audit, with reasonable notice, any of the Contractor's books and records solely as are necessary to substantiate any invoices and payments under this Agreement (including, but not limited to, receipts, time sheets, payroll, and personnel records) and the Contractor agrees to maintain adequate books and records for such purposes during the term of this Agreement and for a period of two (2) years after termination of this Agreement and to make the same available to the District at all reasonable times and for so long thereafter as there may remain any unresolved question or dispute regarding any item pertaining thereto.

22. BINDING AGREEMENT. This Agreement shall inure to and be binding on the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns of the Parties hereto.

23. NO WAIVER. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of any other of the provisions of this Agreement, nor shall such waiver constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, nor shall the waiver of any default be deemed a waiver of any subsequent default.

24. GOVERNING LAW.

a. Venue. Venue for all actions arising from this Agreement shall be in the District Court in and for the county in which the District is located. The Parties expressly and irrevocably waive any objections or rights which may affect venue of any such action, including, but not limited to, *forum non-conveniens* or otherwise. At the District's request, the Contractor shall carry on its duties and obligations under this Agreement during any legal proceedings and the District shall continue to pay for the Services performed under this Agreement until and unless this Agreement is otherwise terminated.

b. Choice of Law. Colorado law shall apply to any dispute, without regard to conflict of law principles that would result in the application of any law other than the law of the State of Colorado.

c. Litigation. At the District's request, the Contractor will consent to being joined in litigation between the District and third parties, but such consent shall not be construed as an admission of fault or liability. The Contractor shall not be responsible for delays in the performance of the Services caused by factors beyond its reasonable control including delays caused by Act of God, accidents, failure of any governmental or other regulatory authority to act in a timely manner, or failure of the District to furnish timely information or to approve or disapprove of Contractor's Services in a timely manner.

25. GOOD FAITH OF PARTIES. In the performance of this Agreement, or in considering any requested approval, acceptance, consent, or extension of time, the Parties agree that each will act in good faith and will not act unreasonably, arbitrarily, capriciously, or unreasonably withhold, condition, or delay any approval, acceptance, consent, or extension of time required or requested pursuant to this Agreement.

26. SUBJECT TO ANNUAL APPROPRIATION AND BUDGET. The District does not intend hereby to create a multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect debt or other financial obligation whatsoever. The Contractor expressly understands and agrees that the District's obligations under

this Agreement shall extend only to monies appropriated for the purposes of this Agreement by the Board and shall not constitute a mandatory charge, requirement, or liability in any ensuing fiscal year beyond the then-current fiscal year. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as a delegation of governmental powers by the District, or as creating a multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect debt or other financial obligation whatsoever of the District or statutory debt limitation, including, without limitation, Article X, Section 20 or Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Colorado. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed to pledge or to create a lien on any class or source of District funds. The District's obligations under this Agreement exist subject to annual budgeting and appropriations, and shall remain subject to the same for the entire term of this Agreement.

27. GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to waive, limit, or otherwise modify, in whole or in part, any governmental immunity that may be available by law to the District, its respective officials, employees, contractors, or agents, or any other person acting on behalf of the District and, in particular, governmental immunity afforded or available to the District pursuant to the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, §§ 24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

28. NEGOTIATED PROVISIONS. This Agreement shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than against the other merely by virtue of the fact that it may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being acknowledged that each Party has contributed to the preparation of this Agreement.

29. SEVERABILITY. If any portion of this Agreement is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, such decision shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Agreement which shall remain in full force and effect, the intention being that such portions are severable. In addition, in lieu of such void or unenforceable provision, there shall automatically be added as part of this Agreement a provision similar in terms to such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision so that the resulting reformed provision is legal, valid, and enforceable.

30. NO THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARIES. It is expressly understood and agreed that enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and all rights of action relating to such enforcement, shall be strictly reserved to the Parties and nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or allow any such claim or right of action by any other third party on such Agreement. It is the express intention of the Parties that any person other than Parties receiving services or benefits under this Agreement shall be deemed to be an incidental beneficiary only.

31. OPEN RECORDS. The Parties understand that all material provided or produced under this Agreement may be subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, §§ 24-72-202, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

33. STANDARD OF CARE. In providing Services under this Agreement, the Contractor shall perform in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances at the same time.

34. TAX EXEMPT STATUS. The District is exempt from Colorado state sales and use taxes. Accordingly, taxes from which the District is exempt shall not be included in any invoices submitted to the District. The District shall, upon request, furnish Contractor with a copy of its certificate of tax exemption. Contractor and subcontractors shall apply to the Colorado Department of Revenue, Sales Tax Division, for an Exemption Certificate and purchase materials tax free. The Contractor and subcontractors shall be liable for exempt taxes paid due to failure to apply for Exemption Certificates or for failure to use said certificate.

35. COUNTERPART EXECUTION. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which may be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Executed copies hereof may be delivered by facsimile or email of a PDF document, and, upon receipt, shall be deemed originals and binding upon the signatories hereto, and shall have the full force and effect of the original for all purposes, including the rules of evidence applicable to court proceedings.

[Signature pages follow].

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the date first above written. By the signature of its representative below, each Party affirms that it has taken all necessary action to authorize said representative to execute this Agreement.

DISTRICT:
LEYDEN ROCK METROPOLITAN
DISTRICT, a quasi-municipal corporation and
political subdivision of the State of Colorado

Officer of the District

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WHITE BEAR ANKELE TANAKA & WALDRON
Attorneys at Law

General Counsel for the District

*District's Signature Page to Independent Contractor Agreement for Project Management
Services with Ascent Land Development, LLC, dated October 2, 2022*

EXHIBIT A

SCOPE OF SERVICES/COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

OPTION 1: All Services shall be billed on an hourly basis. Contractor estimates the Scope of Services will cost \$10,000 for the following District-approved projects: (1) entrance construction; (2) remediation of mud flow area; and (3) erosion control for the parcel of land under the powerlines. This estimate includes 5-10 hours per week at a rate of \$125.00 per hour for approximately twelve weeks.

Additional Services shall be billed on an hourly basis set forth on statements of work approved and executed by an authorized District representative. The Compensation Schedule shall be detailed pursuant to such statements of work approved and executed by an authorized District representative.

OPTION 2: All Services shall be billed on an hourly basis set forth on statements of work approved and executed by an authorized District representative. The Compensation Schedule shall be detailed pursuant to such statements of work approved and executed by an authorized District representative.

Contractor does not take any liability for the project construction warranties or schedule. Contractor will act on behalf of the owner to aid in the project construction deliverables and driving the schedule and is no way responsible for materials/warranties/schedule.

Contractor shall perform the following Services on a per project basis as directed by the District:

1. Coordination of final entitlements in order to gain final construction plans/plat/DA/landscape plans, etc. approval from the jurisdiction(s) if necessary. Contractor will work with consulting engineer(s), landscape architect for final plan approval. Contractor will coordinate with the City and/or inspectors for final approval and permit.
2. Value Engineering of plans. Contractor will work with engineers and/or contractors, if directed, to review plans for efficiency of construction and availability of materials. If requested, Contractor will work with the contractors and/or jurisdiction to create a phasing plan.
3. Budget/Bid estimate review and coordination with subcontractors as selected by the District. Contractor will put together a bid review/tabulation to be used to help create the budget and pay applications.
4. Review and approval of site invoices with the District. Contractor will review site invoices submitted by contractor(s) and recommend approval or denial based on project status, materials on-site and completion. Contractor will also review and recommend approval/denial of requested project change orders.

5. Coordination of Bid Solicitations including bid review on ongoing scope if necessary.
6. Coordination of land development infrastructure on a per project basis as directed by the District. This coordination includes working with the municipality regarding permitting, surety requirements, tap fees, system development fees, etc. to keep the project moving forward relating to land development operations. (Fees will be paid by the District.) Contractor will coordinate with the District Manager and contractors on a daily basis regarding schedule of the project and inspection approval (by other i.e. geotech, engineer and/or jurisdiction). Contractor will provide daily site reports/pictures if requested. Contractor will coordinate with jurisdiction inspectors and contractor(s) in order to gain building permit release and/or initial acceptance. Contractor will hold weekly meetings with contractor(s) as necessary.
7. Coordination with the District Manager for schedule completion and project management.
8. Final acceptance coordination with the jurisdiction. At the time of project warranty completion and/or project build out, the Contractor will help coordinate project acceptance and turnover to the jurisdiction. Contractor will assist with surety release if necessary.
9. Other scope/tasks as requested by the District, billed on an hourly basis.

EXHIBIT B

CONTRACTOR'S COMPLETED W-9

EXHIBIT C

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: All insurance required and provided hereunder shall also comply with the provisions of Section 11 of this Agreement.

1. Standard Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability Insurance covering all employees of Contractor involved with the performance of the Services, with policy amounts and coverage in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Services will be performed.
2. Commercial General Liability Insurance with minimum limits of liability of not less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage liability; \$2,000,000 designated location, general aggregate; and \$1,000,000 umbrella. Such insurance will include coverage for contractual liability, personal injury, and broad form property damage, and shall include all major divisions of coverage and be on a comprehensive basis including, but not limited to:
 - a. premises operations;
 - b. personal injury liability without employment exclusion;
 - c. limited contractual;
 - d. broad form property damages, including completed operations;
 - e. medical payments;
 - f. products and completed operations;
 - g. independent consultants coverage; and
 - h. coverage inclusive of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures, employed in the capacity of a construction consultant.

This policy must include coverage extensions to cover the indemnification obligations contained in this Agreement to the extent caused by or arising out of bodily injury or property damage.

3. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance covering all owned, non-owned, and hired automobiles used in connection with the performance of the Services, with limits of liability of not less than \$1,000,000 combined single limit bodily injury and property damage. **This policy must include coverage extensions to cover the indemnification obligations contained in this Agreement to the extent caused by or arising out of bodily injury or property damage.**
4. If applicable: Contractor shall secure and maintain a third-party fidelity bond in favor of the District, covering the Contractor and its employees and agents who may provide or be responsible for the provision of Services where such activities contemplate the responsibility for money or property of the District. Such bond shall protect the District against any fraudulent or dishonest act which may result in the loss of money, securities,

or other property belonging to or in the possession of the District. Said bond shall be in an amount as determined by the District, from a surety acceptable to the District.

5. Any other insurance commonly used by contractors for services of the type to be performed pursuant to this Agreement.

EXHIBIT C-1

CERTIFICATE(S) OF INSURANCE

EXHIBIT D

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING WITH COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING

I, Jena Griswold, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

Ascent Land Development, LLC

is a

Limited Liability Company

formed or registered on 11/28/2016 under the law of Colorado, has complied with all applicable requirements of this office, and is in good standing with this office. This entity has been assigned entity identification number 20161805094 .

This certificate reflects facts established or disclosed by documents delivered to this office on paper through 09/15/2022 that have been posted, and by documents delivered to this office electronically through 09/20/2022 @ 20:25:27 .

I have affixed hereto the Great Seal of the State of Colorado and duly generated, executed, and issued this official certificate at Denver, Colorado on 09/20/2022 @ 20:25:27 in accordance with applicable law. This certificate is assigned Confirmation Number 14328478 .



Jena Griswold

Secretary of State of the State of Colorado

*****End of Certificate*****
Notice: A certificate issued electronically from the Colorado Secretary of State's Web site is fully and immediately valid and effective. However, as an option, the issuance and validity of a certificate obtained electronically may be established by visiting the Validate a Certificate page of the Secretary of State's Web site, <http://www.sos.state.co.us/biz/CertificateSearchCriteria.do> entering the certificate's confirmation number displayed on the certificate, and following the instructions displayed. Confirming the issuance of a certificate is merely optional and is not necessary to the valid and effective issuance of a certificate. For more information, visit our Web site, <http://www.sos.state.co.us/> click "Businesses, trademarks, trade names" and select "Frequently Asked Questions."