

Date of Task Order: **October 9, 2026**
Project: **Decision Support Tool Development**
Task Order Number: **14**

**TASK ORDER BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
AND THE CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES
OF THE FLATHEAD INDIAN RESERVATION**

WHEREAS the State of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) entered into a water compact that was codified in Montana Code Annotated § 85-20-1901.

WHEREAS the State of Montana, by and through the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), and the CSKT (together, the Parties) have entered into two Master Agreements for purposes of carrying forward the implementation of the Water Compact under Article IV.G and Appendices 3.4 and 3.5 of the Compact. Under the Master Agreements, the Parties will receive recommendations through the Compact Implementation Technical Team (CITT) related to implementation expenditures.

WHEREAS the CITT, on May 28, 2026, approved a Work Plan to contract Decision Support Tool development through a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process. The Work Plan establishes that the firm selected through the RFQ process will enter into a multi-phase Master Services Agreement (MSA) with the CSKT. The Work Plan for Task Order 14 is attached.

The purpose of this Task Order is to provide funding for Phase 1 of the Decision Support Tool. The Decision Support Tool fulfills the purpose of the Operations Model which is identified as an operational improvement in Appendix 3.4 of the Compact. The Decision Support Tool will improve Flathead Indian Irrigation Project's (FIIP) ability to meet simultaneous water demands across the FIIP service area. Upon completion, FIIP will have exclusive ownership of the Decision Support Tool.

The Parties, upon execution of this Task Order, shall authorize a total not-to-exceed amount of \$265,832 to fund Phase 1 of the Decision Support Tool. Additional task orders will be assigned for subsequent phases of Decision Support Tool development.

For this Task Order, the primary contact for the DNRC will be the State's CITT representative. The primary contact for the CSKT will be the Tribes' CITT representative.

Fund transfer requests shall be transmitted from the CSKT CITT representative to the DNRC CITT representative. CSKT shall provide quarterly reports to DNRC detailing the expenditure of funds.

Except as modified by this Task Order, all terms and conditions of the in-force Master Agreement(s) remain unchanged and in full force and in effect.

The Parties, through their authorized agents, have executed this Task Order on the dates set out below.

STATE OF MONTANA

Printed Name

Title

Signature

Date

CONFEDERATED SALISH AND KOOTENAI TRIBES

Printed Name

Title

Signature

Date