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MINK Missouri River Corridor, INC
Attn: Richard Yoder
5717 12th St
Murray, NE 68409

RE: MINK Corridor Bicycle Route Development

Dear Mr. Yoder,

The National Park Service (NPS) is pleased to announce an award of technical assistance to the **MINK Corridor Bicycle Route Development** project.

Assistance from the Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program will be provided during the 2018 federal fiscal year, which begins October 1, 2017, and ends September 30, 2018.

I will consider our working relationship to be a partnership in which I work with you, not for you (as a consultant might). NPS technical assistance is represented by the time and resources that staff invests in each project. I encourage you and your partners to use the value of my technical assistance to leverage additional project resources and as a match for non-federal grants.

Award Request

Although it is not required, in return for NPS technical assistance, I encourage you to consider the following requests during our work together:

- *At the start of the fiscal year, participate with RTCA to develop an annual work plan that identifies specific roles and tasks for project partners, public involvement and specific RTCA assistance;*
- *Identify and commit significant time and resources (financial, in-kind, overhead, etc.), along with other project partners, to match our assistance;*

- *Acknowledge and credit NPS RTCA assistance in press releases, promotional materials, trailhead and welcoming signs, maps, and publications such as newsletters, surveys, brochures, and final planning documents;*
- *Provide copies of print and media news to RTCA staff;*
- *Provide copies of the final planning document and/or other project partners to RTCA staff;*
- *Submit project photographs and videos, along with photo/video releases signed by photographer and subject authorizing the use of these photographs and videos in official National Park Service publications and displays, newspapers, television, magazines, videos, presentations concerning the project, and on its World Wide Web (WWW) without further consideration or compensation.*

Measuring Success

Each year, on average, our partners across the country create over 2,100 miles of trails, conserve more than 70,000 acres of open space, and protect more than 1,000 miles of rivers. Congress measures our program's success by looking at the tangible, on-the-ground results (miles and acres) our partners have achieved five years after we complete our technical assistance. Keeping an on-going record of your project successes will help all of us report good results, especially as there are often changes in staff over time.

We look forward to a successful year of collaboration with you and your project partners. Please feel free to contact me anytime at (402) 661-1568 to discuss any issues or concerns you might have regarding NPS assistance.

Congratulations,

/s/ Brian Leaders

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