From:	Jim Nugent
To:	Dept. City Clerk; Dept. Mayors Office; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Leigh Griffing; Rob Gannon
Cc:	Dept. Attorney
Subject:	Fw: Thanks for your reply.
Date:	Wednesday, December 2, 2020 12:10:07 PM

From: oddpilot@aol.com <oddpilot@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Jim Nugent
Subject: Re: Thanks for your reply.

Thank you,
Dennis

In a message dated 12/2/2020 10:22:42 AM Mountain Standard Time, NugentJ@ci.missoula.mt.us writes:

> DENNIS:
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> The city executive branch or the city council depending whose being directly served would identify potential contractors and then negotiate both professional services as well s a contract price. More than a single negotiation could occur as the city executive branch or city council attempt to obtain the professional services that they desire at and acceptable negotiated price.
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> JIM NUGENT
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> **From:** oddpilot@aol.com <oddpilot@aol.com>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:56 AM
> **To:** Jim Nugent
> **Cc:** oddpilot@aol.com
> **Subject:** Thanks for your reply.
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> Jim,
> thank you for clarifying the fact that not all contractors used by the city must go through the bidding process. How does the city establish the amount to be paid for the service requested from the contractor?
> Dennis

In a message dated 12/2/2020 8:10:03 AM Mountain Standard Time, NugentJ@ci.missoula.mt.us writes:

DENNIS:

The city has the ability to select contractors that adequately provide the services that the City is seeking a contractor for based in part on the reasons explained in yesterday's email.

JIM NUGENT

From: oddpilot@aol.com <oddpilot@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Jim Nugent <NugentJ@ci.missoula.mt.us>
Cc: oddpilot@aol.com
Subject: My question again

Jim,
I think you misread my question. The City of Missoula has on its website a category titled "Other Services." If you click on" Supervising The Bidding Process", it takes you to a site for bid posting. Awarded contracts are listed there. Among the contracts that have been awarded are contracts for Services and requests for proposals, such as contracts for consultation. My question to you is this.

When the City of Missoula seeks professional consultation, does it have to use the competitive bidding process in order to secure the best price, or can it arbitrarily select a consultant to do the consultation and bypass the bidding process? If the City can bypass the process, how can it prove to the taxpayer that it is getting the best value?

I await your response.
Thank you,
Dennis Gordon

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