From:	Jim Nugent
To:	Dept. Mayors Office; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Dept. City Clerk; Leigh Griffing; Rob Gannon
Cc:	Dept. Attorney
Subject:	FW: My question again
Date:	Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:11:01 AM

From: Jim Nugent
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 8:10 AM
To: 'oddpilot@aol.com' <oddpilot@aol.com>
Subject: RE: My question again

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>
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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