

EXHIBIT 21
DATE 3-21-05
HR 540

“IMPORTANT FACTS”
WHY WE NEED A NEW MONTANA HISTORY CENTER

#1

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS SEARCHING FOR A NEW HOME.

THEY ARE NOW IN FOUR LOCATIONS

THE BUILDING ON ROBERTS WAS BUILT IN 1952 (NEEDS TO MUCH UPDATING)

THEY NOW PAY \$330,000 DOLLARS RENT FOR THREE OF THE BUILDINGS.

THEY ARE NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE. FOR VISITORS AND TOURISTS

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH NEAR BY PARKING: TO BUILD PARKING SPACES IT IS EXTREMELY COSTLY.

#2

ONCE IN A LIFE TIME OPPORTUNITY

HAVE OFFER TO BUY THIRTEEN ACRES OF PRIME REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

A BUILDING WITH 250,000 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE

ON ONE LEVEL:

CAN BE MADE INTO A GREAT HISTORY CENTER\

THERE ARE 750 PARKING SPACES

PERFECT LOCATION: 5 MINUTE WALK FROM THE CAPITOL

ON A MAIN HIGHWAY

MONTANA TOURISM CENTERPIECE

#3

ESTIMATED COST:

\$10,000,000, AND REMODEL OF THE CAPITAL HILL MALL IS \$31,445,000-

COMPARED TO \$63,000,000 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION BIG SAVINGS

#4

STATE SHARE FUNDED;

NECESSARY FOR STRONG STATE SUPPORT : COULD BE SECURED IN A STATE

BONDING BILL (HB540) OR BY DIRECT APPROPRIATION .

THIS IS A WISE INVESTMENT

#5

WHY NOW?

THE PROPERTY FOR SALE HAS BEEN OFFERED TO THE STATE FOR A LIMITED TIME FRAME, WHICH EXPIRES JUNE, 2005

#6

EASY TRANSITION FROM THE MHS BUILDING TO THE NEW MONTANA HISTORY CENTER

IF THE PRESENT BUILDING WAS REMODELED ALL OF THE VALUABLE AND PRECIOUS COLLECTIONS AND ARTIFACTS WOULD NEED TO BE MOVED AND STORED, WHILE THE REMODELING AND BUILDING TOOK PLACE. A SECOND STORY WITH A TOTAL OF ONLY 100,000 SQUARE FEET WOULD NOT BE NEARLY AS SATISFACTORY. THE MHS WOULD BE CLOSED FOR PROBABLY 2 TO 3 YEARS. WHILE THIS TOOK PLACE. MOVING TO THE NEW LOCATION COULD BE DONE IN STAGES.

#6

PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

WITH STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE STATE THE FOUNDATION HAS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF MEMBERS IN A POSITION TO DONATE FUNDS AND ARE WILLING TO RAISE \$MATCHING FUNDS AND MORE FOR THIS KIND OF A PROJECT.

#7 Lucky # 7

CONCLUSION:

THIS IS A “ONCE IN A LIFE TIME “ OPPORTUNITY, AND WE MUST ACT NOW PLEASE VOTE YES!!!!