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## GRACEFUL SYSTEMS LLC MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** STAKEHOLDERS  
**FROM:** PAMELA MORGAN  
MARTY HOWARD  
**SUBJECT:** MONTANA RESOURCE PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT OPTIONS WORKSHOP  
**DATE:**

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Hello everyone! On August 21, 2012, we are scheduled to meet again in this process of reviewing the Montana Public Service Commission's practice for resource planning and procurement. As we indicated during our last workshop on June 27-28, this workshop will focus on options for this practice.

Two documents are attached for your advance review. The first is an outline showing our initial thoughts on changes to the resource Planning and Decision-Making Practice (PDP) currently used in Montana. As stated up front in the memo, we see much in the current PDP that does not require change. Where we do see opportunities to change the practice, we have organized those ideas into four categories:

- Planning Content
- Planning Process
- Procurement Process
- Tools

This document will guide the next workshop. Working category by category, Marty and I will briefly describe our initial thoughts on practice changes, and answer questions as those may exist. Then, a panel comprising [indicate who] will begin the discussion, each individually providing overall thoughts and then responding to each other. We will then engage the broader group in discussion of the proposals.

As we worked on these initial thoughts, we sorted through the information we had gained from looking at other states, as well as our own experience, using a particular format. The presentation being sent with this email reflects what we did and we are sharing it with you all to help you think through both your reaction to our proposals and some you might want to add. The presentation uses the following format:



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**What are ways we could do less of this aspect of our practice?**

**What is our practice now?**

**What are ways we could do more of this aspect of our practice?**

**What are ways we could think about this aspect of our practice differently?**

We are looking forward to seeing you all on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

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