



February 18, 2009

Missoula County Commissioners
200 W Broadway St
Missoula, MT 59802

Dear Commissioners;

Missoula is losing huge potential for income by not having a proper facility to host endless events and shows that would come here, but we can't accommodate them.

In March, the city of Great Falls will host a class C and a class A basketball tournament, at their expo park. Missoula couldn't even bid for them, because we don't have the facility to do so, except the University of Montana which is unable to accommodate us because of their own full schedules.

When car dealers want to have large combined car shows, they can only do so in a box store parking lot during the good weather, because we cannot accommodate such a show in town.

When a touring group brings a Broadway play to the West, they go from Minneapolis to Billings or Great Falls on their way to Spokane, because Missoula doesn't have a facility large enough to accommodate them.

Many local opportunities, including boat shows, RV shows, Home and Garden Shows, Car shows, Hunting shows, Boys and their Toys shows, and trade shows will be there to support the facility in the first couple of years. A good marketing and administrative team will be able to reach out and book conventions, and performances.

Our company, FunNbiz.com is a growing "Software as a Service" ticketing and event company, handling everything from box office point of sale, to e-tickets sold online and printed at home, with bar code readers at the gates to fill the seats. We offer table assignment reservations and interactive registration. We work with facilities all over the northwest, but we can't do it at home except for small non profits for their single events because we don't have that facility. We would dearly support such a venture, whether or not we were able to win a contract.