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We have reviewed the concerns cited in your various emails.

We determined Orem City's procurement for the feasibility study appears to fall within the parameters of their procurement ordinance 2-7-6(A) which allows exceptions to the bidding requirements. Therefore, we do not believe a violation of Orem's procurement ordinance occurred in this case. The State Auditor encourages government entities to utilize a competitive procurement process to the greatest extent possible, even when not required by code, ordinance, or policy, in order to provide taxpayers with a competitive and transparent process.

The relationship you described as a conflict of interest does not appear to us to rise to the level of non-compliance with Utah Code 10-3-13. However, if you believe there is evidence of an ethics violation, you may provide this information to the Political Subdivisions Ethics Commission via ethics.utah.gov.

Lastly, we have referred your OPMA-related concerns to the Attorney General's Civil Review Committee to determine whether non-compliance with statutory requirements occurred.

Thank you for communicating your concerns to us.

Regards,

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