

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 17, 2012

Agenda Item:

Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract for Architectural and Design Services for an Educational Classroom Facility at the Public Safety Training

Background Information:

Buncombe County has undertaken the construction of a Public Safety Training Center that will provide a facility for training law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical services, hazardous materials emergency response teams, and other rescue and emergency personnel. The training center is being constructed on property owned by Buncombe County in Woodfin and will be operated through the Law Enforcement Academy at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College (A-B Tech).

In coordination with A-B Tech, Buncombe County will provide project management services related to the construction of a 25,000 square-foot facility at the Public Safety Training Center. This project will provide an energy-efficient educational facility with classrooms and offices to educate and train law enforcement and emergency response teams that serve to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Buncombe County citizens.

Buncombe County requested qualifications from architects to provide architectural and design services. The firm of Legerton Architecture was deemed to be the qualified firm to provide the services required for this project. This firm has extensive expertise in design and programming of educational and community facilities and municipal projects. Legerton Architecture will be the architect of record and will partner with Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects, a Gastonia-based company with experience in designing public safety training centers and also working with the needs of law enforcement and emergency personnel and local governments.

Funds/Staff Requested:

The project will be funded through sales tax revenues exclusively dedicated to capital improvement projects for Asheville-Buncombe Community Technical College.

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Date Submitted: January 11, 2012

