

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM**

**MEETING DATE: February 17, 2009**

**Action Requested:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

There are a few sites used by A-B Tech, volunteer fire departments and law enforcement for training purposes, but those facilities do not provide the level of training needed, and some types of training are not available. This project will provide a central facility to accommodate state-of-the-art training and techniques and also foster teamwork across the various disciplines of law enforcement and emergency response.

**Funds/Staff requested:**

Funds in the amount of \$20 Million have been appropriated in the Capital Projects Budget to carry out this project. It is anticipated that classroom construction will be delayed, resulting in an estimated project cost of \$15 Million.

**Additional Information:**

It should be noted that architectural services include design work provided by Stewart, Cooper, Newell Architects, a Gastonia-based firm that has extensive expertise in design and programming of public safety training centers. Engineering services will be provided through the local firm of Davis Civil Engineering, and contracting and construction administration will be handled locally by Keith Hargrove, Architect.

**Request submitted by: Jon E. Creighton, Assistant County Manager**

**Date Submitted: February 9, 2009**