



Policy

Prequalification of Bidders for Construction or Repair Projects

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Background/Need

- **Solid Waste** has requested to prequalify bidders for construction of Cell 7 at the County Landfill.
- North Carolina **General Statutes** require a **policy** to be in place before bidders can be prequalified for a construction project.
* G.S. 143-135.8
- Currently, **BC** does **NOT** have **policy** in place to allow for this type of process.



Benefit

- Allows the County to determine if a contractor has the skill, judgment, integrity, sufficient financial resources, and ability necessary to the faithful performance of a contract for construction or repair work before bidding begins. *G.S. 143-135.8(f)(2)



Policy Overview

Key Points

- This is not to pick the most qualified but to determine which firms meet a minimum criteria to bid on a project.
- Two Step Process
 - Firms are prequalified to bid on a construction project.
 - Those that meet the prequalification then can bid on the project. Which is awarded to the lowest bidder.



Policy Overview

Key Points

- Policy is voluntary
 - Departments may use on project-by-project basis
 - Only impacts construction and repair projects
- Provides guidance
 - Application Requirements
 - Assessment Process
 - Protest Denial Procedures



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Key Points

- Appeals Process
 - Two opportunities to appeal or protest a denial
 - Initial protest
 - Administrative review (final protest)
 - Administrative review by County Manager
 - Outside of the selection committee



Policy Overview

Equity & Inclusion

- Directly addresses equity and inclusion
 - Must solicit HUB and County-registered WMBEs
 - Aligns with Strategic Plan / Equity Action Plan / Finance Business Plan



Creation Process

- Drafted
 - Procurement
 - General Services
- Employee Policy Committee
- MAG (Management Advisory Group)
- Department Head Review
 - General Services, Solid Waste, Ag. & Land Resources, Parks & Rec

