

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: JUNE 19, 2012

Agenda Item:

Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract for Architectural and Design Services for the Allied Health & Workforce Development Facility at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College

Background Information:

Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College desires to construct a new Allied Health & Workforce Development Facility. The facility will allow the college to expand existing healthcare programs and add new ones to meet a growing need for well-trained healthcare professions in Buncombe County and across the region.

The 180,000 square-foot facility will include traditional and multi-purpose classrooms for the college's various nursing, dental, and veterinary medical programs, labs for nursing, art, and computers, and other accommodations for offices and students. The facility will be constructed on the A-B Tech's Asheville campus located on Victoria Road. The project and associated infrastructure will be constructed on approximately 13 acres that was the site of the former Pines Building.

In coordination with A-B Tech, Buncombe County will provide project management services related to the construction of the facility. The County requested qualifications from architects to provide architectural and design services and desires to negotiate the provision of services required for this project.

Funds/Staff Requested:

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

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

Date Submitted: June 11, 2012