

**BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2012

Agenda Item:

Resolution Authorizing the Negotiation and Execution of a Contract for Architectural and Design Services for an Indoor Firearms Training Facility at the Public Safety Training Center

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).

Firearms training was previously provided at a facility at A-B Tech which was closed due to lead contamination, leaving the Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement personnel without a dedicated facility for training and practice. The Public Safety Training Center is the best location to place a facility of this nature.

Buncombe County requested qualifications from architects to provide architectural and programming services. The firm of Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering 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 firearms and tactical training facilities and has significant experience in working with the needs of law enforcement and local governments.

Funds/Staff Requested:

Funding for the project will be provided by Buncombe County.

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

Date Submitted: November 13, 2012