



**COUNTY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Agenda Action Form**

**ITEM:** Approval of resolution for exemption of architectural, engineering and surveying services when the estimated professional fee is less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)

**DATE OF BOCC MEETING:** January 28, 2008

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION:**

Under NC General Statute Chapter 143, Article 3D, it is the public policy of this State and all public subdivisions and Local Governmental Units thereof, except in cases of special emergency involving the health and safety of the people or their property, to announce all requirements for architectural, engineering, surveying and construction management at risk services, to select firms qualified to provide such services on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the type of professional services required without regard to fee other than unit price information at this stage, and thereafter to negotiate a contract for those services at a fair and reasonable fee with the best qualified firm.

N.C.G.S. 143-64.32, provides an exemption to this RFQ process by permitting local governments to exempt from the provisions of Article 3D proposed projects “where an estimated professional fee is in an amount less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).” The Engineering Department and the Purchasing Division of Durham County recommend that the Board authorize such exemption and permit the County Manager to negotiate and execute contracts for architectural, engineering, and surveying services when the estimated maximum contract amount is less than \$30,000. (See attached Resolution)

**RESOURCE PERSON(S):** Glenn Whisler, County Engineer, Jacqueline Boyce, Purchasing Manager

**COUNTY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION:** The Manager recommends that the Board approve the resolution and authorize the County Manager to negotiate and sign contracts for architectural, engineering and surveying services when the estimated professional fee is less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

County Manager: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION OF ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING,  
AND SURVEYING SERVICES WHEN THE ESTIMATED PROFESSIONAL  
FEE IS LESS THAN THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000)**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute Chapter 143, Article 3D, provides guidelines for the procurement of architectural, engineering, and surveying services by units of local government; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 143-64.32 states that units of local government may in writing exempt from the provisions of Article 3D proposed projects “where an estimated professional fee is in an amount less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000);”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Durham County Board of Commissioners does hereby exempt Durham County projects from the procurement procedures set out in G.S. Chapter 143, Article 3D, for architectural, engineering, and surveying services when the estimated professional fee on any project is in an amount less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and sign contracts for architectural, engineering, and surveying services when the estimated professional fee on any project is in an amount less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) and the funds to pay for the contracted services are properly appropriated.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY  
OF DURHAM THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2008.