

**WAKE COUNTY PREQUALIFICATION OF CONTRACTORS
FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**

**RESOLUTION UPDATING WAKE COUNTY PROCEDURES
AND POLICIES RELATING TO COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AWARDED
PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §143-128 ET SEQ.**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Wake County to award construction contracts through an open competition in bidding, consistent with North Carolina General Statutes, based on an impartial selection of contractors, integrity in business practices, and skillful performance of public contracts; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has recently amended Article 8 of N.C.G.S. Chapter 143, Public Contracts, to clarify the statutes related to the use of prequalification in public construction contracting; and

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §143-128 (b) requires that a county choosing to use a single-prime contract system must award such building contract to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders for the total project; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to N.C.G.S. §143-135.8 (b) now state that a governmental entity may prequalify bidders for a particular construction or repair work project when the governmental entity is using one of the construction methods authorized in G.S. 143-128(a1) (1) through (3) and the board or governing body of the governmental entity adopts an objective prequalification policy applicable to all construction or repair work prior to the advertisement of the contract for which the governmental entity intends to prequalify bidders; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to N.C.G.S. §143-135.8 (b) require that should a governmental entity elect to prequalify contractors for a certain project, that the objective prequalification policy adopted by a governmental entity pursuant to subdivision (b) (2) of this section shall meet all of the criteria stated in this statute; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Wake County, through the above stated prequalification process, to impartially evaluate a contractor, and to properly determine by its responsible business practices, work experience, manpower, and equipment that it is appropriately qualified and experienced to provide the construction, renovation and/or repair of Wake County facilities;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wake County Board of Commissioners hereby directs the County Manager to establish policies and procedures for prequalifying contractors for County building projects which comport with the requirements of Article 8 of N.C.G.S. Chapter 143, Public Contracts, as it is from time to time amended.

Upon motion of Commissioner Coble, seconded by Commissioner Gianni, and by unanimous vote, the Board adopted the above resolution this 20th day of October 2014.