

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: 21 February 2007

SUBJECT: Aerial (ortho) photography and surveyor choice

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes requires the "Request for Qualifications" process ("RFQ") for the selection of certain professionals, including surveyors, for local government. However, §143-64.32 contains the following:

Units of local government . . . may in writing exempt particular projects from the provisions of this Article in the case of:

...

(b) Other particular projects exempted in the sole discretion of . . . the unit of local government, stating the reasons therefor and the circumstances attendant thereto.

In similar situations, other counties have chosen to exempt themselves from the RFQ process. For example, Buncombe County found that (1) the orthophotos developed under its orthophotography project would and did follow North Carolina Land Record Management Mapping Specifications (shown at <http://ncpropertymappers.org/specifications>), (2) the county has obtained orthophotos in the past using the state Land Records Management Mapping Specifications, and (3) a number of mapping firms have experience using the state Land Records Management Mapping Specifications. Henderson County has also obtained previous orthophotographs using state Land Records Management Mapping Specifications.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to determine whether to exempt itself from the selection "request for qualifications" procedure for a surveyor for the orthophotography project pursuant to G.S. §143-64.32(b).

If the Board is so inclined, the following motion is suggested:

I move, pursuant to G.S. §143-64.32(b), that the County exempt itself from the "Request for Qualification" procedure of Article 3D of Chapter 143 of the General Statutes, as to the selection of a surveyor for the County's orthophotography project, as (1) the orthophotos developed under this project will follow North Carolina Land Record Management Mapping Specifications, (2) the county has obtained orthophotos in the past using the state Land Records Management Mapping Specifications, and (3) a number of mapping firms have experience using the state Land Records Management Mapping Specifications.