

**From:** Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Web Contact: Procurement Question  
**To:** Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org>; Bridget Herring <bherring@ashevillenc.gov> <bherring@ashevillenc.gov>; Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>  
**Sent:** May 16, 2023 9:13 AM (UTC-04:00)

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**From:** Ron Venturella <Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:11 AM  
**To:** Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>; Kassi L. Day <kassi.day@buncombecounty.org>; Lillian Govus <Lillian.Govus@buncombecounty.org>  
**Subject:** FW: Web Contact: Procurement Question

Good morning,

Before I respond to the email below, I wanted to bring it to both of your attention (please read the email chain). Let me know if there is any information you would like for me to share in my response.



**Ron Venturella, MSAC, CLGPO**

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Finance, Procurement Manager

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**From:** DEROTHEA WILLIAMS <[derotheawilliams@att.net](mailto:derotheawilliams@att.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 3:00 PM  
**To:** Ron Venturella <[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)>  
**Cc:** Avril Pinder <[Avril.Pinder@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Avril.Pinder@buncombecounty.org)>; Debra Campbell <[dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Web Contact: Procurement Question

Good Afternoon:

Since Buncombe County originated the referenced RFQ/RFP, kindly provide the name of that County Department, and if the proposal was co-authored/solicited by the City of Asheville in conjunction with Buncombe County, I will proceed to request the same information from the City of Asheville Purchasing/Contracting Division.

Thank you for your specific and prompt response. This “tailored” RFP and executed contract is very specifically focused/tailored and almost designed, in a laser-like fashion to a specific applicant/bidder.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Once received, I will query the City of Asheville regarding the same. Structurally, the proposal seems to read almost like a “sole source” RFP, but without the legal requirements which are in place at a formal bidding process which is public.

Thank you,

Dee Williams

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2023, at 1:10 PM, Ron Venturella <[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Buncombe County does not keep a data base individuals that create the Scope of Work for each solicitation. But those sections are provided by the department requesting the advertisement and managing the contract.

Sincerely,

**<image001.jpg> Ron Venturella, MSAC, CLGPO**

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**From:** DEROTHEA WILLIAMS <[derotheawilliams@att.net](mailto:derotheawilliams@att.net)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 9:54 AM

**To:** Ron Venturella <[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)>

**Cc:** Avril Pinder <[Avril.Pinder@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Avril.Pinder@buncombecounty.org)>; Debra Campbell <[dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov)>

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Good Morning:

Thank you for your responsiveness. I will retrieve the information on the matching executed contract(s) from the City of Asheville's Purchasing Division.

Does the County keep a data base of the authors of each procurement/contracting document which is "let for bid", or the name of the County employee who wrote the specifications and "Scope of Work", since these appear to be very tailored and specific by line item?

Thank you,

Dee Williams

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2023, at 1:04 PM, Ron Venturella <[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

The following are responses from the contract manager.

The answer to questions 1 & 3 are essentially the same. The contract is a 50/50 split between the City and the County so the City would be the other place to get a copy of the agreement as well as invoices, payments, etc. Each quarter the invoices are created and half the amount is paid by the City and the other by the County. The City has essentially the exact same contract from the scope of work perspective – though they have their own basic contract terms and conditions which are similar but vary slightly from the County's.

The only exception to this is the answer to question 2: The County provides additional financial support for the Neighbor to Neighbor program which is the low income solar program created as a part of the Solarize Asheville Buncombe campaign. The March payment that was referred to was support for this program.

Sincerely,

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**From:** DEROTHEA WILLIAMS <[derotheawilliams@att.net](mailto:derotheawilliams@att.net)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 3:27 PM

**To:** Ron Venturella <[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)>

**Cc:** Avril Pinder <[Avril.Pinder@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Avril.Pinder@buncombecounty.org)>; Debra Campbell  
<[dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:dcampbell@ashevillenc.gov)>

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Good Afternoon Mr. Venturella:

In the line itemized cost schedule, specifically verify the 1/2 of the contract amount was from Buncombe County. Was the other half from the City of Asheville, Duke Power, etc?

Who/What is the \$12k payment for a March 2023 payment?

Where can I obtain the other 50% of line items expenses, specifications for the other 50% of the contract.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in providing this information.

Thank you,

Dee Williams

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2023, at 4:11 PM, DEROTHEA WILLIAMS  
<[derotheawilliams@att.net](mailto:derotheawilliams@att.net)> wrote:

Thank you.

Dee Williams

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2023, at 4:08 PM, Ron Venturella  
<[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please find the contract you requested.

Sincerely,

<[image001.jpg](#)> **Ron Venturella, MSAC, CLGPO**

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**From:** [noreply@buncombecounty.org](mailto:noreply@buncombecounty.org)

<[noreply@buncombecounty.org](mailto:noreply@buncombecounty.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 26, 2023 8:04 AM

**To:** Ron Venturella <[Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org](mailto:Ron.Venturella@buncombecounty.org)>

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**There are new comments from a**

<https://www.buncombecounty.org/procurement> user.

## Contact Procurement

This email was received from a user of the Buncombe County Website.

Name:

Dee Williams- Proj. Mgr.- United Community Dev. of N.C.

Email:

[derotheawilliams@att.net](mailto:derotheawilliams@att.net)

Questions / Comments:

Please provide the current executed contract which was awarded to Energy Savers Network, Green Built Alliance et. als. for the Blue Horizons Project - this is a joint City/County/Duke Power Project.

Thank you,

Dee Williams

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