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Subject: Re: UCD Proposal
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Sent: June 29, 2023 4:16 PM (UTC-04:00)

Mr. LeRoy:

Thank you for your email.

Even though UCD did not get any portion of the bid and will not work as a subcontractor on this job, we are grateful because it is a learning experience.

We will take this lesson and try to build our capacity to better serve our community and to increase participation by BIPOC organizations and individuals. I realize that the way in which the proposal was constructed only allowed for services to be provided by one prime contractor, only. It is unfortunate that all of the weatherization and repair RFP's are structured in such a way that BIPOC firms/organizations cannot provide quotes because of systemic discrimination and historic exclusion.

We look forward to helping our community to move beyond this exclusion. We will work in earnest to help bring opportunity to those who are willing, who are attentive to quality, and who want to have a part in "developing all people who match these mountains."

Please extend my thanks and regards to the Team which scored these proposals.

In gratitude,
Dee

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 29, 2023, at 3:33 PM, Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org> wrote:

Ms. Williams,

Thank you for the proposal that United Community Development submitted to Buncombe County regarding the RFP for various services supporting the Blue Horizons Project. This message is to inform you that United Community Development was not selected as an awardee during the evaluation process for the proposals received. We appreciate your interest in doing business with both Buncombe County and the City of Asheville.

Copies of the received proposals, as well as the RFP and the scoring sheets are available upon request.

Sincerely,



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