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BIDS/PROPOSALS

Solicitation for DBE/MBE/WBE Quotations

Sanford Contractors, Inc. is seeking certified DBE/MBE/WBE quotations on the following projects for the January 18, 2005 NC DOT Highway Lettings:

County	Project #:
Johnston	C201232
Wake	C200960

Interested parties can contact Sanford Contractors at (919) 775-7882 for further information. Plans and specifications can be reviewed at a Carolinas AGC office. EOE/AA/M/F/D/V

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The City of Durham will open sealed bids at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at the General Services Department, 2011 Fay Street, Durham, NC, 27704. 919-560-4197 for the renovation of the City Hall Council Committee Room.

As of December 3rd, Plans and Specifications for this project may be reviewed or obtained, through the office of Roughton Nickelson DeLuca Architects, PA, 3608 University Drive, DURHAM, N.C. 27707, 919-490-1266, weekdays, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Contract Documents may be obtained for a \$20.00 dollar refundable deposit from the Architect or they may be purchased directly from the printer.

Bidders are strongly advised to view the areas of the proposed construction.

All bids must include a signed non-collusion affidavit. All bidders must show evidence of being licensed under Chapter 87 of the N.C. General Statutes. The City of Durham reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals.

REAL ESTATE

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ARTIST-ILLUSTRATOR II (Designer) — UNC-TV, RTP, NC, seeks customer-oriented print, broadcast and web designer (graphics) for marketing NC's statewide public television network. Will use Macintosh graphics software (QuarkXpress, Adobe PhotoShop, Adobe Illustrator, FreeHand), basic illustration and photography to conceptualize and produce promotional and identity materials. Requires four years design experience or equivalent combination of related education/experience. Preferred degree and one-year graphic design experience. Portfolio will be required during interview process to confirm technical and creative skills. Salary Range: \$24,819 - \$39,039. Completed State of North Carolina Application for Employment (PD 107) must be received in the UNC Center for Public Television Human Resources Office no later than 5:00 pm, January 21, 2005. UNC-TV, HR Office, PO Box 14900, RTP, NC 27709-4900. Application form may be downloaded from www.uncv.org. Federal law requires that upon being hired an applicant must present, upon request, satisfactory evidence to verify employability and identification. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER. WOMEN AND MINORITIES ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.**

Durham County Tax Office to accept electronic check payments

Durham County's Tax Administration Office can now accept electronic check payments, or "E-checks". The service is being offered through Total Billings, Inc in Fayetteville, a long time service provider to the Tax Office. The E-check payment service began Dec. 22.

The process allows taxpayers to pay taxes remotely from home on their personal computers by converting checks into an electronic draft. To use the service taxpayers will need to register their banking information on the Durham County Tax Administration website. The secured site will allow viewers to see actual copies of their bills on-line and pay them electronically from their checking account.

Currently the Tax Office is only accepting E-check payments for real estate tax bills, and bills that have a last day to pay of 1-5-05. The ability to pay motor vehicle bills on-line is forthcoming.

You can access the E-check registration website by visiting the Durham County Tax Administration website at www.co.durham.nc.us/txadm and follow the On-line Tax Payments link.

For more information contact Durham County Tax Administration at 660-0300.

The mind is everything. What you think you become.
—Buddha

For Classified Information Please Call 682-2913

GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS EIGHT MEMBERS TO MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES ADVISORY COMMISSION

RALEIGH - Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Mary Bennett of Durham, David Carr of Carrboro, James J. Gibson of Wake Forest, Dr. Robert K. McMahan Jr. of Chapel Hill, Judith Rizzo of Chapel Hill, Dr. William Scheslinger of Durham, Andrew Shepard of Wilmington and Joan Weld of Currie to the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission.

Bennett is senior vice president for operations and communications at Inspire Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Durham. She received her bachelor's degree in behavioral science from National Louis University and her master's degree in business administration from Duke University.

Carr is an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science. He received his bachelor's degree in English literature from Drew University, his master's degree in psychology and education from Columbia University, and a master's degree of library science and doctorate degree in library and information studies from Rutgers State University of New Jersey.

Gibson is senior vice president and chief financial officer at the Research Triangle Institute. He received his bachelor's degree in business administration from the State College of New Jersey, master's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California and law degree from Duquesne School of Law.

McMahan is a research professor in the department of physics and astronomy at UNC-Chapel Hill and a senior advisor to the governor for science and technology. He is executive director of the N.C. Board for Science and Technology and a member of the Energy Policy Council, American Physical Society, American Astronomical Society and the Society for Imaging Science and Technology. McMahan received his bachelor's degree in physics from Duke University and his doctorate of physics from Dartmouth.

Rizzo is the executive director of the James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy at UNC-Chapel Hill. She is a graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston and received her master's degree from Middlebury College. Scheslinger is the James B. Hunt professor and dean of the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University. He is president of the Ecological Society of America and served on the National Academy of Sciences Committee to review the U.S. Climate Change Science Program Strategic Plan. Scheslinger received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and his doctorate degree from Cornell University in New York.

Shepard is the director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Undersea Research Center at UNC-Wilmington. He is a member of the NOAA Autonomous Undersea Vehicles Advisory Board and chair of the council of NOAA's Undersea Research Program Center Directors. Shepard received his bachelor's degree in biology from Bates College and his master's degree in marine science from the University of Massachusetts.

Weld is a former assistant secretary for the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources and chief of staff for Governor Jim Hunt. She is a member of the Nature Conservancy Board of Trustees and the Coastal Resources Commission and chair of the UNC Coastal Studies Institute and Duke Endowment's Rural Pender Economic Development Alliance. Weld received her bachelor's degree in science from Ohio State University.

Commission duties are to formulate policies for the advancement of the museum and to assist in promoting and developing a wider and more effective use of the Museum of Natural Sciences as an educational, scientific and historical exhibit. The commission has 39 members, each serving a two-year term. The governor appoints 32 members.

DO YOU KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT FAMOUS AMOS COOKIES?

LONG BEACH, Calif. - Most people know that Famous Amos Cookies was founded by African-American entrepreneur Wally Amos in 1975. However, most people don't know that he lost that company in 1989. In fact, according to a recent article on BlackNews.com, Amos has nothing to do with the company that he once reaped millions of dollars from - absolutely nothing. One might ask - 'Did the company go bankrupt?' Not exactly - Famous Amos Cookies are still sold in stores today. Then, one might ask - 'Did he sell the company?' Negative again.

According to his personal account in the book *Chicken Soup For The African-American Soul*, Wally Amos lost Famous Amos Cookies to his investors. Through a series of business mistakes on his behalf and the lack of a management team, he was pretty much forced out of the company with no stake. Fortunately though, he did have an employment agreement that paid him an annual salary - but not for long.

Eventually, the company that he founded decided that paying their founder a salary wasn't necessary anymore. And so, Amos was terminated completely from Famous Amos Cookies. That's the simple version of the complicated story, but it doesn't end there.

Being the entrepreneur that he was, he humbly accepted the situation and in 1991 started another company called Wally Amos Presents Chip and Cookie. He had learned from his mistakes, and this time he would relaunch his cookie empire. Of course - things didn't exactly work out that way. His former company, Famous Amos Cookies, took him to the U.S. District Court and tried to prevent him from using his own name and likeness in any business. Believe it or not, they won. They robbed Wally Amos of his very own name, and he was forced to shut down his newly-founded cookie company.

With all this being told, should African-Americans boycott Famous Amos Cookies? Why would a company want to outcast and disrespect the very person who's responsible for their existence? Would Wal-mart ever do such a thing to Sam Walton (if he were still alive)? Would Microsoft ever do such a thing to Bill Gates? True, business is business, and Amos was legally forced out of his company - but why not at least support the man, the Black man, who founded the company that supports your payroll?

Well, here's the good news. Amos never looked back, and responded to the situation with a positive attitude. He concluded that "mistakes are the process through which we in turn create success," and founded yet another cookie company called Aunt Della's Cookies named after his aunt. The new company has been quite successful, and is being sold at hundreds of Wal-mart supercenter locations across the country. They even offer cookies sales by mail-order and online through the company web site at www.auntdellascookies.com.

So the next time you think cookies - think about the Wally Amos story, and buy Aunt Della's.

NASA Finds Polluted Clouds Hold Less Moisture, Cool Earth Less

A NASA study found some clouds that form on tiny haze particles are not cooling the Earth as much as previously thought. These findings have implications for the ability to predict changes in climate.

Andrew Ackerman, a scientist at NASA's Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., and his colleagues found, when the air over clouds is dry, polluted clouds hold less water and reflect less solar energy. Ackerman is the study's principal author.

Contrary to expectations, scientists observed polluted, low-lying clouds do not generally hold more water than cleaner clouds. Low clouds cool the planet by reflecting sunlight away from the Earth's surface, and more water makes a cloud more reflective.

Previously, scientific consensus was, since polluted clouds precipitate less, they should contain more water and reflect more sunlight back into space. Most predictions of global climate change assume less precipitation will result in clouds holding more water, reflecting more sunlight and counteracting greenhouse warming.

"The natural laboratory we used to look at the contrasts between clean and polluted clouds is a phenomenon called ship tracks, which are long lines of clouds with smaller cloud droplets that form on the exhaust particles from ships," Ackerman said.

"The results of this work should provide for more realistic treatment of polluted clouds in climate

models, improving predictions of future climate," Ackerman said. "In the meantime, it's critical that we thoroughly test these new theoretical results. NASA's latest generation of Earth-observing satellites provides a powerful tool for doing just that, by observing how ship tracks are affected by the humidity of the air above them," he said.

Ship track measurements were taken off the west coast of the United States from polar-orbiting satellites and aircraft flying through the clouds. The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer

(MODIS) Airborne Simulator instrument (comparable to the MODIS instruments on NASA's Terra and Aqua satellites), aboard a NASA ER-2 aircraft flying above the clouds, was also used to gather data. The measurements show cloud water decreases more often than it increases in polluted clouds.

To understand how cloud water changes in polluted clouds, the team of scientists created a 3-D computer model to simulate atmospheric motions and the formation of precipitation by clouds.

Boards, Committees And Commissions Openings

The City of Durham is seeking interested citizens to serve on various boards, committees and commissions. Candidates are appointed by the Durham City Council. They must live in the City limits and City and County taxes must not reflect any delinquency at the time of submission of applications. **Deadline for receiving applications is 4:30 p.m. on the following dates:**

DURHAM AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY	JANUARY 11, 2005
DURHAM OPEN SPACE & TRAILS COMMISSION	JANUARY 14, 2005
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION	JANUARY 14, 2005
LYON PARK ADVISORY BOARD	JANUARY 14, 2004
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ADVISORY BOARD	JANUARY 14, 2004
EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE	JANUARY 25, 2005
DURHAM PLANNING COMMISSION	FEBRUARY 4, 2005
AUDIT SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE	FEBRUARY 8, 2005
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS BOARD	FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Applications may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office located on the second floor of City Hall, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday or visit the City's web site at www.durhamnc.gov. Click on City Departments (City Clerk).

