

### Third Party Project Manager Summary

On May 4, 2026, Jon Barlow (Town Manager), Jacob Randall (Fire Chief), and I (Dwayne Taylor, Chief of Police), met to interview two candidate companies to serve as Third Party Project Managers for the Town of Swansboro Public Safety Building/Emergency Operations Center Project.

Requests for Qualifications were distributed by the Town, and four companies were initially selected for consideration. Chief Randall and I were each provided with qualification summaries for all four companies and asked to independently select two finalists for formal interviews. Separately, Chief Randall and I both selected the same two companies for final presentations to Jon Barlow, Chief Randall, and me. The two finalists were MBP of Raleigh, NC, and Cumming Group of Raleigh, NC.

Both companies demonstrated strong qualifications and extensive experience with municipal projects, and I believe the Town would be well represented by either firm. However, based on the presentations, MBP distinguished itself more clearly.

MBP was represented by four individuals who demonstrated a strong understanding of their role in the project. Their presentation was polished, organized, and efficient. They clearly articulated the day-to-day responsibilities they would undertake and effectively explained their involvement throughout each phase of the project. Their preparedness and professionalism were evident.

Cumming Group was represented by two individuals. The primary representative was confident and knowledgeable throughout the presentation. However, the secondary representative appeared less prepared and struggled during portions of the presentation, often requiring assistance from the primary representative. While I do not question the representative's competence, this dynamic left me with concerns regarding overall presentation readiness.

Based on the qualifications and presentations of both companies—each of which appears capable and competent—it is my recommendation that MBP be selected as the Third-Party Project Manager for the Town of Swansboro's Public Safety Building/Emergency Operations Center Project.

Sincerely,



Dwayne Taylor  
Chief of Police  
Swansboro Police Department